



Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Fees Report

Fiscal Year 2022–23

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Minister's message

I am pleased to present Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) report on fees for 2022–23.

The *Service Fees Act* provides a modern legislative framework that enables cost-effective delivery of services and, through better reporting to Parliament, improves transparency and oversight.

AAFC's Fees Report provides information on nine fees out of which one is set by contract/agreement and the rest are set by act, regulation or fees notice. The fees support services from Business Risk Management Programs to the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency (CPMA) to the Research and Development Centre.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic AAFC's revenue generating services and activities were directly impacted resulting in less revenues and costs for 2020–21. In 2021–22, facilities reopened thereby generating higher revenues and costs compared to 2020–21 but still not reaching pre-pandemic levels. In 2022–23, revenues and costs increased as activities and services were back to operating at almost pre-pandemic levels.

I invite you to review this year's report, which further advances our key objectives of open and transparent fee management. I will continue to lead my department's transition to the reporting regime provided under the *Service Fees Act*.

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About this report

This report, which is tabled under section 20 of the *Service Fees Act*, the [Low-Materiality Fees Regulations](#)ⁱⁱ, and subsection 4.2.8 of the Treasury Board [Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities](#)ⁱⁱⁱ, contains information about the fees Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to set in fiscal year 2022–23.

The report covers fees that are subject to the *Service Fees Act* and exempted from the *Service Fees Act*.

For reporting purposes, fees are categorized by fee-setting mechanism. There are three mechanisms:

1. Act, regulation or fees notice
The authority to set these fees is delegated to a department, minister or Governor in Council pursuant to an act of Parliament.
2. Contract
Ministers have the inherent authority to enter into contracts, which are usually negotiated between the minister and an individual or organization, and which cover fees and other terms and conditions. In some cases, that authority may also be provided by an act of Parliament.
3. Market rate or auction
The authority to set these fees is pursuant to an act of Parliament or a regulation, and the minister, department or Governor in Council has no control over the fee amount.

For fees set by act, regulation or fees notice, the report provides totals for fee groupings, as well as detailed information for each fee. For fees set by contract, the report provides totals only. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada did not have fees set by market rate or auction.

Although the fees Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada charges under the [Access to Information Act](#)^{iv} were subject to the *Service Fees Act*, they are not included in this report. Information on Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's access to information fees for 2022–23 is in our annual report to Parliament on the administration of the [Access to Information Act Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Annual Report to Parliament –Access to Information Act and Privacy Acts](#)^v.

Remissions

In 2022–23, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada was subject to the requirements to issue remissions under section 7 of the *Service Fees Act* and subsection 4.2.4 of the Treasury

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Board *Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities* to remit a fee, in whole or in part, to a fee payer when a service standard was not met. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's remission policy and procedures, pursuant to the *Service Fees Act*, are on the following web page: [AAFC Remission Policy for Fees under the *Service Fees Act*](#)^{vi}.

The other sections of this report provide detailed amounts for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's remissions for 2022–23.

Overall totals, by fee-setting mechanism

The following table presents the total revenue, cost and remissions for all fees Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to set in 2022–23, by fee-setting mechanism.

Overall totals for 2022–23, by fee-setting mechanism

Fee-setting mechanism	Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
Fees set by contract	0	The department had no mechanism for tracking costs at the departmental level.	Remissions do not apply to fees set by contract.
Fees set by act, regulation or fees notice	9,932,823	22,592,637	0
Total	9,932,823	22,592,637	0

Totals, by fee grouping, for fees set by act, regulation or fees notice

A fee grouping is a set of fees relating to a single business line, directorate or program that a department had the authority to set for those activities.

This section presents, for each fee grouping, the total revenue, cost and remissions for all fees Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to set in 2022–23 that are set by the following:

- act
- regulation
- fees notice

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AgriStability Administrative Cost Share Fee: totals for 2022–23

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
229,054	12,292,029	This fee was not subject to remissions.

Canadian Agricultural Loans Act^{vii} Registration Fee: totals for 2022–23

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
336,436	303,022	This fee was not subject to remissions.

Canadian Pari-Mutuel Levy: totals for 2022–23

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
9,065,445	8,996,946	This fee was not subject to remissions.

Research and Development Centre Facility Use and Personnel Fees: totals for 2022–23

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
301,888	1,000,640	0

Details on each fee set by act, regulation or fees notice

This section provides detailed information on each fee Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to set in 2022–23 and that was set by the following:

- act
- regulation
- fees notice

Fee grouping

AgriStability Administrative Cost Share Fee

Fee

AgriStability Administrative Cost Share Fee

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Fee-setting authority

- [Farm Income Protection Act](#)^{viii} (S.C. 1991, c. 22)
- AAFC fees notice posted on the [AgriStability – Step. 3 How to apply](#) page^{ix}

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

2006

Last year fee-setting authority was amended

Not applicable

Service standardNot subject to a service standard requirement of the *Service Fees Act*.**Performance result**Not subject to a service standard requirement, pursuant to the *Service Fees Act*.**Application of Low-Materiality Fees Regulations**Not subject to *Service Fees Act*: AgriStability Administrative Cost Share Fee

Fee	2022–23 fee amount (\$)	2022–23 total fee revenue (\$)	2022–23 total remissions issued for the fee (\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2024–25	2024–25 fee amount (\$)
AgriStability Administrative Cost Share Fee	55.00 per applicant	229,054	This fee was not subject to remissions.	Not applicable	55.00 per applicant

Fee grouping*Canadian Agricultural Loans Act* Registration Fee**Fee***Canadian Agricultural Loans Act* Registration Fee**Fee-setting authority**

- *Canadian Agricultural Loans Act* (R.S.C., 1985, c. 25 (3rd Supp.))
- [Canadian Agricultural Loans Regulations](#)^x (SOR/99-122)

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

2009

Last year fee-setting authority was amended

Not applicable

Service standardNot subject to a service standard requirement of the *Service Fees Act*.

Performance result

Not subject to a service standard requirement, pursuant to the *Service Fees Act*.

Application of Low-Materiality Fees Regulations

Low-materiality (Schedule 1): *Canadian Agricultural Loans Act* Registration Fee

Fee	2022–23 fee amount (\$)	2022–23 total fee revenue (\$)	2022–23 total remissions issued for the fee (\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2024–25	2024–25 fee amount (\$)
<i>Canadian Agricultural Loans Act</i> Registration Fee	0.85% of the loan amount	336,436	This fee was not subject to remissions.	Not applicable	0.85% of the loan amount

Fee grouping

Canadian Pari-Mutuel Levy

Fee

Canadian Pari-Mutuel Levy

Fee-setting authority

- *Criminal Code*^{xi}, section 204 (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46)
- *Pari-Mutuel Payments Order*^{xii} (SI/83-72)

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

1920

Last year fee-setting authority was amended

1983

Service standard

Not subject to a service standard requirement of the *Service Fees Act*.

Performance result

Not subject to a service standard requirement, pursuant to the *Service Fees Act*.

Application of Low-Materiality Fees Regulations

Material (formula): Canadian Pari-Mutuel Levy

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Fee	2022–23 fee amount (\$)	2022–23 total fee revenue (\$)	2022–23 total remissions issued for the fee (\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2024–25	2024–25 fee amount (\$)
Canadian Pari-Mutuel Levy	0.8% of each dollar bet through an approved pari-mutuel system on horse race betting made in Canada, as operated in conjunction with the conduct of horse racing.	9,065,445	This fee was not subject to remissions.	April 1, 2024	0.8% of each dollar bet through an approved pari-mutuel system on horse race betting made in Canada, as operated in conjunction with the conduct of horse racing. (The Canadian Pari-Mutuel Levy is unchanged and in 2023–24, AAFC will be seeking an exemption pursuant to paragraph 16(2)(b) of the amended <i>Service Fees Act</i> in order to be exempt from annually adjusting the levy in accordance with the Consumer Price Index as it is already adjusted for inflation.)

Fee grouping

Research and Development Centre Facility Use and Personnel Fees

Fee

- Development Assistant
- Research Assistant
- Right of Access
- Scientific Professional
- Scientific Researcher

Fee-setting authority

- *Food Research and Development Centre Fees Order*^{xiii} (SOR/92-478)

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

1992

Last year fee-setting authority was amended

Not applicable

Service standardAccess to pilot plant is provided to clients as per the agreement.¹**Performance result**

Service standard was met for all clients.

Application of *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*

Material (formula): Research and Development Centre Facility Use and Personnel Fees

Fee	2022–23 fee amount (\$)	2022–23 total fee revenue (\$)	2022–23 total remissions issued for the fee (\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2024–25	2024–25 fee amount (\$)
• Development Assistant	32.27 per hour ²	0	0	April 1, 2024	35.98 per hour
• Research Assistant	32.27 per hour ²	53,233	0	April 1, 2024	35.98 per hour
• Right of Access	45.18 per hour	244,093	0	April 1, 2024	50.38 per hour
• Scientific Professional	43.04 per hour	4,562	0	April 1, 2024	47.99 per hour
• Scientific Researcher	67.78 per hour	0	0	April 1, 2024	75.57 per hour

¹ This is the accurate and actual service standard for 2022–23. The 2021–22 Fees Report erroneously reported the wrong service standard of “an approval or rejection decision is rendered and communicated from a properly completed application within 10 business days of receipt”.

² This is the accurate and actual fee amount charged for 2022–23. The 2020–21 Fees Report erroneously reported a fee amount of \$32.28 per hour.

Endnotes

- i. *Service Fees Act*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-8.4/>
- ii. *Low-materiality Fees Regulations*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2019-109/index.html>
- iii. *Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities*, <https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32502>
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- v. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Annual Report to Parliament – *Access to Information Act and Privacy Acts*, <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/about-our-department/transparency-and-corporate-reporting/access-information-and-protection-privacy-agriculture-and-agri-food-canada/annual-report-parliament>
- vi. AAFC Remission Policy for Fees under the *Service Fees Act*, <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/about-our-department/transparency-and-corporate-reporting/financial-reports/aafc-remission-policy-fees-under-service-fees-act>
- vii. *Canadian Agricultural Loans Act*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/f-2.7/index.html>
- viii. *Farm Income Protection Act*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/f-3.3/>
- ix. AAFC fees notice posted on the AgriStability – Step. 3 How to apply page, <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/agristability/step-3-how-apply>
- x. *Canadian Agricultural Loans Regulations*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-99-122/index.html>
- xi. *Criminal Code*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/>
- xii. *Pari-Mutuel Payments Order*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SI-83-72/>
- xiii. *Food Research and Development Centre Fees Order*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-92-478/index.html>