



Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Fees Report Fiscal year 2023–24

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Minister's message

I am pleased to present Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) report on fees for 2023–24.

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

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](#), and subsection 4.2.9 of the Treasury Board [Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities](#), contains information about the fees Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had the authority to charge in fiscal year 2023–24.

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 comes from an act of Parliament or a regulation, and the minister, department or Governor in Council has no control in determining 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.

Fees charged by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada under the *Access to Information Act* are not subject to the *Service Fees Act* and are not included in this report. Information on Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's access to information fees can be found 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](#).

Remissions

In 2023–24, 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 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*](#).

The other sections of this report provide detailed amounts for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's remissions for 2023–24.

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 charge in 2023–24, by fee-setting mechanism.

Overall totals for 2023–24, 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	9,339,361	26,075,806	0
Total	9,339,361	26,075,806	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 charge 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 charge in 2023–24 that are set by the following:

- act
- regulation
- fees notice

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AgriStability Administrative Cost Share Fee: totals for 2023–24

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
363,620	14,604,282	This fee was not subject to remissions.

Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Registration Fee: totals for 2023–24

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
336,551	925,417	This fee was not subject to remissions.

Canadian Pari-Mutuel Levy: totals for 2023–24

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
8,326,826	9,593,791	This fee was not subject to remissions.

Research and Development Centre Facility Use and Personnel Fees: totals for 2023–24

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
312,364	952,316	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 charge in 2023–24 and that was set by the following:

- act
- regulation
- fees notice

Fee grouping

AgriStability Administrative Cost Share Fee

Fee

AgriStability Administrative Cost Share Fee

Fee-setting authority

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

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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	2023–24 fee amount (\$)	2023–24 total fee revenue (\$)	2023–24 total remissions issued for the fee (\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2025–26	2025–26 fee amount (\$)
AgriStability Administrative Cost Share Fee	55.00 per applicant	363,620	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](#) (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 RegulationsLow-materiality (Schedule 1): *Canadian Agricultural Loans Act* Registration Fee

Fee	2023–24 fee amount (\$)	2023–24 total fee revenue (\$)	2023–24 total remissions issued for the fee (\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2025–26	2025–26 fee amount (\$)
<i>Canadian Agricultural Loans Act</i> Registration Fee	0.85% of the loan amount	336,551	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*, section 204 (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46)
- *Pari-Mutuel Payments Order* (SI/83-72)

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

1920

Last year fee-setting authority was amended

1983

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*: Canadian Pari-Mutuel Levy

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Fee	2023-24 fee amount (\$)	2023-24 total fee revenue (\$)	2023-24 total remissions issued for the fee (\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2025-26	2025-26 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.	8,326,826	This fee was not subject to remissions.	Not applicable. ¹	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.

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* (SOR/92-478)

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

1992

Last year fee-setting authority was amended

Not applicable.

Service standard

Access to pilot plant is provided to clients as per the agreement.

Performance result

Service standard was met for all clients.

¹ The Canadian Pari-Mutuel Levy does not meet the definition of a fee under the amended *Service Fees Act* and as such the requirement to adjust the fee does not apply.

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Application of Low-Materiality Fees Regulations

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

Fee	2023–24 fee amount (\$)	2023–24 total fee revenue (\$)	2023–24 total remissions issued for the fee (\$)	Fee adjustment date in 2025–26	2025–26 fee amount (\$)
Development Assistant	34.46 per hour	0	0	April 1, 2025	36.95 per hour
Research Assistant	34.46 per hour	48,815	0	April 1, 2025	36.95 per hour
Right of Access	48.25 per hour (4 hour minimum charge)	261,710	0	April 1, 2025	51.74 per hour (4 hour minimum charge)
Scientific Professional	45.97 per hour	1,839	0	April 1, 2025	49.28 per hour
Scientific Researcher	72.39 per hour	0	0	April 1, 2025	77.61 per hour