

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Fees Report
Fiscal year 2025–26

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Minister’s message

I am pleased to present Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada’s (AAFC) report on fees for 2025–26.

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 2025–26.

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*.

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 2025–26, by fee-setting mechanism.

Overall totals for 2025–26, by fee-setting mechanism

Fee-setting mechanism	Revenue ($)	Cost ($)	Remissions ($)
Fees set by contract	273,763	13,054,755	Remissions do not apply to fees set by contract
Fees set by act, regulation or fees notice	8,384,085	11,624,519	0
Total	**8,657,848**	**24,679,274**	**0**

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada collects revenue for one fee set by contract, the AgriStability Administrative Cost-Share fee, and more details can be found on our web page: AgriStability – Step. 3 How to apply.

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 2025–26 that are set by the following:

- act
- regulation
- fees notice

Fee groupings for 2025–26, for fees set by act

Fee Grouping	Revenue ($)	Cost ($)	Remissions ($)
Canadian Agricultural Loans Act – Registration Fee	265,750	616,223	This fee was not subject to remissions
Canadian Pari-Mutuel Levy	7,813,751	9,090,249	This fee was not subject to remissions
Research and development centre facility use and personnel fees	304,584	1,918,047	0
Total	**8,384,085**	**11,624,519**	**0**

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

Fee grouping:
Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Registration Fee

The *Canadian Agricultural Loans Act* (CALA) Program is a loan guarantee program designed to increase the availability of loans to farmers and agricultural co-operatives. Farmers can use an agriculture loan to establish, improve, and develop farms, while agricultural co-operatives may also access loans to process, distribute, or market the products of farming. The registration fee is 0.85% of the amount of the loan.

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

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*

Annual adjustments
Not applicable

Fee	2025–26 ($)	2026–27 ($)	2027–28 ($)
Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Registration Fee	0.85% of the loan amount	0.85% of the loan amount	0.85% of the loan amount

Fee grouping:
Canadian Pari-Mutuel Levy

The Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency is a special operating agency that regulates and supervises pari-mutuel betting on horse racing at racetracks across Canada and ensures it is conducted in a fair way. The agency is funded through the collection of a 0.8% levy (which will increase to 1.0% effective in 2026–27) on each wager placed in Canada.

Fee-setting authority
- *Criminal Code*, subsection 204(4) (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46)
- *Pari-Mutuel Payments Order* (SI/83-72)

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*

Annual adjustments
Not applicable

Fee	2025–26 ($)	2026–27 ($)[1]	2027–28 ($)
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	1.0% 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	1.0% 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

[1] Note that the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Levy has been amended from 0.8% to 1.0% 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 effective in 2026-27

Fee grouping:
Research and Development Centre Facility Use and Personnel Fees

Fees are charged to clients for access to the Saint-Hyacinthe pilot plant, in accordance with the applicable agreement. The fees comprise of charges for access to the facility as well as services provided by facility staff.

Fee-setting authority

- *Food Research and Development Centre Fees Order* (SOR/92-478)

Service standard
Access to pilot plant is provided to clients as per the agreement

Performance result
Service standard was met for all clients

Annual adjustments
April 1, 2027

Fee	2025–26 ($)	2026–27 ($)	2027–28 ($)
Development Assistant	36.95 per hour	37.58 per hour	38.63 per hour
Research Assistant	36.95 per hour	37.58 per hour	38.63 per hour
Right of Access	51.74 per hour (4-hour minimum charge)	52.61 per hour (4-hour minimum charge)	54.09 per hour (4-hour minimum charge)
Scientific Professional	49.28 per hour	50.12 per hour	51.53 per hour
Scientific Researcher	77.61 per hour	78.93 per hour	81.14 per hour