

2013 Agri-Québec Plus (Amended)

Starting in the 2013 participation year, a new Québec program called “Agri-Québec Plus” will offer additional financial assistance to farming operations that are eligible and participate in the AgriStability program in Québec. This assistance is specifically for products that are not covered or not associated with the Farm Income Stabilization Insurance Program (ASRA) or supply management.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Farming operations that are eligible and participate in the AgriStability program in Québec for a given participation year are automatically enrolled in Agri-Québec Plus for this same year when they meet this program’s eligibility conditions. Unlike AgriStability, Agri-Québec Plus is only offered to Québec residents and only covers products produced in Québec. Moreover, participation in the program is linked to the respect of environmental requirements.

Agri-Québec Plus complements AgriStability by offering a coverage level of 80% of the reference margin rather than 70%, irrespective of the planned limit to the reference margin for AgriStability starting in the 2013 participation year. The payment may be limited depending on the net income calculated for the farming operation.

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

In addition to being eligible and participating in the AgriStabilité program in Québec for the same participation year, the farming operation must also meet the following conditions:

- Be domiciled in Québec (individual) or have its head office and main place of business in Québec (corporation, cooperative and trust).
- In the case of a joint-stock company, it must hold share capital of which at least 50% of the voting rights are held by one or more shareholders domiciled in Québec or who have their head office and main place of business in Québec.
- In the case of a partnership or not-for-profit organization, be composed, for at least half of its members, of persons domiciled in Québec or who have their head office and main place of business in Québec and who have at least 50% of the shares of the partnership.
- In the case of a cooperative or trust, be composed, for at least half of its members (cooperative) or its beneficiaries (trust), of persons domiciled in Québec or who have their head office and main place of business in Québec.
- Submit a valid phosphorus report as stipulated under the Agricultural Operations Regulation (cross compliance measures).

Note

The provisions related to the phosphorus report concern all the raising or spreading sites owned, leased or on which the operation custom produces. It targets all the operation’s productions, whether or not they are covered by a program at La Financière agricole.

If participants do not submit a valid phosphorus report, any payment to which they are entitled is reduced by 25% for the participation year in default (reduction limited to a maximum of \$50,000). This year is the fiscal period that ends between July 1 of the year in default and June 30 of the following year. However, participants who fail to submit a report for a second year in a row will not be entitled to any payment for this second year in default.

COVERED PRODUCTS

The covered products are agricultural products not covered or not associated with ASRA or supply management (see appendix).

CONTRIBUTION

No contribution and no administrative fees are due for participating in the Agri-Québec Plus program.

TRANSMISSION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial information sent for the AgriStability program is also used for the Agri-Québec Plus program.

PROGRAM PAYMENT

Benefits are calculated when the final payment for AgriStability is calculated. There are no interim payments with Agri-Québec Plus.

The payment for a given participation year corresponds to the difference between the AgriStability payment, before reduction for a late declaration, and the amount of a similar payment, but calculated when assistance is triggered as soon as the year’s margin drops more than 20% in relation to the reference margin, irrespective of the reference margin limit. This difference is multiplied by an average ratio established for the reference years after structural adjustment. This ratio corresponds to the income from allowable products under the Agri-Québec Plus program over the income of allowable products under the AgriStability program.

Agri-Québec Plus does not kick in when the net income calculated for the purpose of the program exceeds \$10,000. The program payment is therefore limited to the amount required to make up the difference between the net income and \$10,000. The total payout from the AgriStability and Agri-Québec Plus programs, for a same participation year, cannot exceed \$3 million. Payments of less than \$75 will not be made.

REQUEST FOR A REVIEW

Any request for a review of a final decision rendered regarding a participant's files must be made in writing, explaining the motives behind the request, and sent to the service centre in charge of the participant's files or delivered in person to a representative of La Financière agricole within 90 days following the date the decision is received. However, program conditions and parameters or program premises may not be subject to a request for a review.

DEADLINES FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE AGRI-QUÉBEC PLUS PROGRAM

Deadlines are the same as those for participating in the AgriStability program.

OTHER INFORMATION

Payments from the Agri-Québec Plus program are not taken into account when calculating ASRA program compensation.

This summary, valid for 2013, in no way takes precedence over the provisions of the Agri-Québec Plus program or one of La Financière agricole's policies. Moreover, the terms and conditions in the summary are subject to possible amendments to the program during the participation year.

AGRI-QUÉBEC PLUS

CODES DE VENTE DES PRODUITS VISÉS POUR 2013

ANIMAUX

Volailles	Codes
Autruches	371
Cailles	377
Canards	332
Émeus	373
Faisans	338
Nandous	372
Oies	333
Pigeons	378
Pintades	341

Autres animaux	Codes
Alpagas	370
Buffles et bisons	350
Caprins (chèvres laitières, de boucherie et angora, y compris le lait)	354
Cerfs rouges	357
Chevreaux	352
Élevage de chevaux et autres équidés incluant urine (sauf chevaux de course)	316
Fourrures d'élevage	238
Lamas	355
Lapins	356
Miel, productions apicoles et pollinisation	142
Sangliers	358
Wapitis	353

VÉGÉTAUX

Grandes cultures	Codes
Betteraves à sucre (et mélasse)	268
Biomasse ligneuse (saule en courte rotation) : boutures, paillis, litière ou biocarburant liquide	001
Bourrache	006
Carthame	050
Chanvre	030
Féverole	012
Fourrage (incluant foin, fourrage de céréales, granulés et ensilage) sauf maïs fourrager	264
Graine d'alpiste des Canaries	008
Graine de lin	014
Graine de moutarde	044
Haricot (sec comestible)	004
Kamut	036
Lathyrus	040
Lentille	041
Lupin	042
Maïs-ensilage ou fourrage de maïs	024
Millet	043
Panic érigé, miscanthus et plantes non fourragères cultivées pour la biomasse ou la paille	005
Pois chiche / Garbanzo	023
Pois sec	022
Quinoa	047
Radis oléagineux	038
Riz	048
Riz sauvage	270
Sarrasin	007
Seigle	049
Semence fourragère	015
Semences de légumes	051
Tabac	269
Tournesol	054

Fruits	Codes
Bleuets en corymbe	064
Bleuets	067
Canneberges	068
Fraises	073
Fraises à jours neutres	075
Framboises	071
Raisins	083

Fruits	Codes
Vin	088
Amélanches	072
Baies de sureau cultivées	074
Cerises	092
Groseilles	065
Mûres	066
Mûres de Logan	070
Noix	140
Poires	095
Prunes	096
Pruneaux	097
Légumes frais de plein champ	Codes
Asperges	161
Aubergines	176
Betteraves	162
Brocolis	165
Carottes	169
Céleris	171
Choux	151
Choux de Bruxelles	166
Choux-fleurs	170
Citrouilles	192
Concombres	175
Courges	202
Épinards	201
Gourganès	218
Haricots	210
Herbes, épices et plantes médicinales	100
Laitues	184
Maïs sucré	203
Melons	185
Navets, rutabagas	197
Oignons	187
Panais	190
Poireaux	183
Poivrons	191
Pommes de terre pour croustilles	148
Radis	193
Rhubarbe	194
Tomates	207
Autres légumes de plein champ	214
Légumes de conserverie	Codes
Cornichons	221
Haricots	232
Maïs sucré	305
Pois verts	223
Légumes de serre et champignons	Codes
Concombres	234
Laitues	235
Poivrons	236
Tomates	237
Autres végétaux comestibles de serre	239
Champignons	131
Horticulture ornementale de plein champ	Codes
Arbres de Noël cultivés	138
Gazon en plaques	141
Autres produits d'horticulture ornementale de plein champ	143
Horticulture ornementale abritée	Codes
Plants de légumes et fleurs en caissettes, plantes vertes, potées fleuries, vivaces, roses coupées, etc.	500
Produits de l'érable	130