

COMPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE MEASURE FOR CERTAIN HORTICULTURAL CROPS AFFECTED DURING THE 2023 GROWING SEASON

GENERAL OPERATION

The purpose of this measure is to provide financial support to horticultural businesses producing market garden produce, fruit and canning vegetables that were particularly hard hit by excess rainfall during the 2023 growing season. More specifically, it will provide additional funding to growers who have suffered losses that have affected the profitability of their business.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The company must:

- consist of **two or more participants** (shareholders, partners, trustees, cooperative members);
- be eligible to participate in Agri-Québec Plus (AQP) **for the 2023 growing season**;
- have financial statements showing that the majority of sales come from the production of eligible products;
- have filed its 2023 or 2024 financial statement with the FADQ;
- be **eligible to receive a payment** under the Agri-Québec Plus program, and the amount of the payment must have been limited because the net profit threshold of \$50,000 has been exceeded;
- comply with environmental standards established under the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2) and its Regulation respecting agricultural operations (chapter Q-2, r-26).

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

No action is required on the part of the company.

Any company that participates in the Agri-Québec Plus program, that has provided a financial data return for the eligible program year and that meets the eligibility criteria will **automatically** be enrolled in the complementary horticultural measure.

The files of all registered companies will be analyzed to determine whether or not financial assistance will be granted.

ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS

Eligible agricultural products are those in the following categories:

- Fruit category, excluding apples and cider
- Fresh field vegetables category
- Canned vegetables category

CALCULATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Unlike the calculation of the AQP payment, which takes into account a net profit limit of \$50,000 for all companies, the calculation of the Horticultural Complementary Measure payment increases the threshold by \$50,000 increments, up to \$200,000 when the company has two to four participants. Table 1 shows the net profit limit by number of company participants.

Table: Net income limit by number of participants

Number of company participants	Eligible net profit threshold - horticultural complementary measure
2 participants	\$100,000
3 participants	\$150,000
4 participants and more	\$200,000

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT

Financial assistance is paid in a single instalment, following analysis of the file by the FADQ. Companies will receive a letter informing them of the outcome of the analysis of their file, whether or not financial assistance has been granted.

For more information on the Complementary Assistance Measure for certain horticultural productions affected during the 2023 growing season, visit our website at: fadq.qc.ca/mesure-complementaire-horticole.

This summary does not take precedence over the provisions of the Complementary Assistance Measure for Certain Horticultural Crops Affected during the 2023 Growing Season.

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