

Application for a Lease of Crown Land for Agriculture (other than blueberry)

I wish to make application for the lease of Crown Land as described herein from the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries to be used for agricultural production

Please print

Name: _____
First name and Last name

Address _____
Street or P.O. Box

_____ City _____ Province _____ Postal Code

Location of Property: _____
(Local, Parish, County, and Service New Brunswick PID number)

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____ Email _____

The land I wish to lease measures approximately _____ hectares or _____ acres in area

I intend to use this land for: _____

NOTE: The following must accompany this application:

A site map, showing a north arrow, existing roads and property lines. It is preferred that this be a copy from a recent orthophoto property map. If one is not available a copy of a Grant map or an aerial photograph with the property clearly outlined may be used. Maps are available at <http://geonb.snb.ca/geonb/>

A site development plan, containing the annual objectives which the grower will be implementing with respect to the subject property.

I understand that the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries cannot guarantee the availability of the subject property for lease for the proposed purpose, and that incomplete applications will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant.

If further information is required, contact the Leasing and Licensing Branch at the address listed below.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date: _____

Leasing and Licensing
New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Telephone : (506) 453-2252
Fax : (506) 444-5477

Crown Lands - Lease for Non-Blueberry Agricultural Purposes

Application Guide

Under certain terms and conditions, Crown Land may be leased from the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries for the purpose of agricultural production.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must:

- Have reached the legal age in New Brunswick of 19 years.
- Be in good standing on all of their accounts with the Province of New Brunswick.

Application

An application to lease Crown Land for the purpose of agricultural production may be made on forms available from any office of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries (DAAF).

Applicants should apply for only those lands which are required for agricultural purposes. Applicants are encouraged to contact the nearest DAAF office for assistance in completing their applications.

Applications must include:

1. A map or aerial photo showing the location of the subject property. Maps are available at <http://geonb.snb.ca/geonb/>
2. A site development plan including timeframes for the intended development of the site.

All applications are submitted for consideration to DAAF. Upon receipt of an application, DAAF will seek supporting documentation from the relevant Departmental specialist regarding the intended agricultural production.

Transfer of Administration and Control (TAC)

If the Crown Land requested is under the management of DNR, DAAF must submit a request to the NB Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the transfer of administration and control of the land to DAAF. This process may require some months to complete and may not guarantee a favorable outcome, as it requires approval from other stakeholders which may have an interest in the land, (such as a timber licensee).

When a TAC is approved, DNR informs DAAF of the conditions under which the parcel will be transferred. The applicant is then notified of these terms and conditions. Upon acceptance of the terms and conditions by the applicant, DNR will be requested to proceed with the transfer of administration and control of the parcel to DAAF.

Survey Requirements

One of the conditions of the offer to the applicant to lease from DAAF is a survey of the subject property conducted by a registered NB land surveyor, the cost of which is the responsibility of the applicant.

When the survey is completed it must be submitted to DNR by the surveyor (i.e., a Return of Survey). When that has been received, the necessary legal procedures to transfer the property to DAAF will be carried out.

Aboriginal Engagement

During the evaluation of the application, DAAF will engage the potentially affected Aboriginal communities regarding any potential infringement upon proven or asserted Aboriginal and treaty rights. The engagement timeline is variable as it is dependent on the determination of the impact to Aboriginal rights.

Site Development Plan

Before the approval of a lease by the Minister of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries **applicants are required to submit a Site Development Plan** for approval. This Site Development Plan will consist of a plan containing the annual objectives that the grower will be implementing. The relevant specialist will provide applicants with the requirements of the Strategy. The Strategy will be included in the lease document and will have to be adhered to by the leaseholder.

Leases will be monitored periodically by staff of the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries.

Rental Rates

Crown Land is leased for agricultural use according to the following fee schedule. This fee schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries.

Land Use	Annual Rate	Comments
Land in support of livestock production(hay, pasture, grain)	\$17.25/Ha.	
High value crops(potatoes, fruit & vegetables)	Land under development (maximum two years)- \$5.75/Ha. Land fully developed- \$115.00/Ha.	
Cranberries	Supporting land-\$5.75/Ha. Productive land: Yr 1 - 3 \$5.75/Ha. Yr 4 \$57.50/Ha. Yr 5 \$115.00/Ha. Yr 6 \$172.50/Ha. Yr 7 - 25 \$230.00/Ha.	Supporting land includes building and machinery shed areas, drainage areas, reservoirs, tail water ponds, lakes, canals, and required buffer zones. The production area is delineated by the required production infrastructure including dykes and roadways that surround the production beds. Rates for years 1-6 apply to land under development, not previously managed for cranberry production.

Land which is part of an existing lease and is judged by Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fisheries officials as not being suitable for agricultural production (non-productive and not supporting) will carry a rental fee of \$2.88 per hectare.