



New Brunswick Lime Transportation Assistance Program

Program Objective

The New Brunswick Lime Transportation Assistance Program provides financial assistance to help cover the cost of transporting lime for use on land with low pH levels (below 6.0). The use of agricultural lime allows farmers to neutralize the acidity of the soil and supply calcium and/or magnesium fertility to improve productivity of agricultural land, soil health, mitigate climate change impacts, and contribute towards improving food self-sufficiency in New Brunswick.

Eligible Applicants

- Indigenous Peoples or Indigenous Organizations involved in primary agricultural production,
- Primary agriculture producers with a **valid** Registered Professional Agriculture Producer (RPAP) registration,
- Agriculture producer associations involved in primary agricultural production (e.g., Community Pasture Associations).

Eligible Land

Land in active production, idle land being brought back into active production or recently cleared land, which have a pH below 6.0, as indicated on a current or an immediate previous year's soil analysis lab report. The soil sample must be taken prior to the date of the application of the lime.

Financial Assistance

- The assistance for the transportation of quarried dolomitic and calcitic limestone (e.g., AgLime) is calculated based on the distance from the source of origin (e.g. source) of the lime to the delivery destination. The program does not cover the cost of purchasing the lime. This is the responsibility of the applicant.
- For lands eligible for this program, the financial assistance provided is shown in Appendix A, based on the closest available source of lime, up to a maximum of 300 tonnes per applicant per program year.
- Applicants are encouraged to consult with a Professional Agrologist to make sure the right type and rate of lime is used.

Application/Claim Process

- Intake period: June 1, to November 30, 2023, for transportation expenses incurred after April 1, 2023.
- Submit a complete application and provide the following documentation:
 - Current or an immediate previous year soil analysis lab report which show a pH below 6.0.
 - Copies of all invoices related to lime purchases which must show:
 - The tonnes of lime purchased,
 - The type of lime purchased, and
 - Proof of payment for each invoice. Acceptable proofs are e-transfer confirmations, debit/credit card slips, cleared cheques, and credit card/bank statements. Invoices marked paid and signed by the supplier are not acceptable.
 - A valid RPAP registration number (only required for primary agriculture producers).
 - The distance (kilometers) to which the lime was delivered. (see Appendix A)

Approval Process

- Applications are processed on the first-come first-serve basis until available funds have been exhausted.
- Applications submitted after November 30, 2023 will not be considered.
- Applicants who are not approved will receive a letter stating the reasons approval has been denied.
- Transportation assistance claimed must exceed \$200 to be eligible for assistance

Evaluation and Audit

Review and evaluation of the project may be carried out by DAAF, or any other entity chosen for the purpose of audit, analysis, and evaluation. The review and evaluation process may be conducted at any stage of the project including within a three year period following the lime application. Applicants may be asked to complete a program evaluation survey within this time frame.

How to Apply: Applicants are encouraged to discuss applications with appropriate Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries staff (Development Officer or Specialist) to verify type and rate of lime to be used prior to lime application and before submitting program application.

A list of departmental contacts can be found at the following links:

[Crop Sector Development \(Branch\) \(gnb.ca\)](#)

[Livestock Sector Development \(Branch\) \(gnb.ca\)](#)

[Potato Sector Development \(Branch\) \(gnb.ca\)](#)

[Business Growth \(Branch\) \(gnb.ca\)](#)

Completed applications may be submitted by e-mail or mail.

Email Applications:

DAAF.Programs@gnb.ca

Mail Applications:

Program Administrator

Industry Financial Programs

Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries

PO Box 6000 Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

APPENDIX A

New Brunswick Lime Transportation Assistance Program – Transportation Assistance Rates

Assistance rates are based on the distance from the source to the delivery destination

Distance (kilometers)	Transportation Assistance Rate (\$/tonne)
1-49	\$ 12.00
50-74	\$ 13.00
75-99	\$ 14.00
100-124	\$ 15.00
125-149	\$ 16.00
150 – 174	\$ 18.00
175 – 199	\$ 20.00
200 – 224	\$ 22.00
225 – 249	\$ 24.50
250 – 274	\$ 27.00
275 – 299	\$ 29.50
300 – 324	\$ 32.00
325 – 349	\$ 34.50
Over 350	\$ 37.00