

POST-TROPICAL STORM DORIAN RESPONSE PROGRAM

Program Guidelines: April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

Program Policy: Supporting the economic viability of corn, crambe, and/or tree fruit producers who have incurred extra-ordinary costs due to Post-Tropical Storm Dorian (Dorian).

1. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture and Land has established the Post-tropical Storm Dorian Response Program (DRP) to provide financial support to corn, crambe, and tree fruit producers who have incurred extra-ordinary costs due to Dorian which are not covered by existing BRM programs.

Note: Applications are due no later than March 19, 2021.

2. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Agricultural producers who have experienced extra-ordinary costs due to Dorian, and produce any of the following commodities:
 - corn (grain, silage, snaplage/cobmeal),
 - crambe, and/or
 - tree fruit.
- An Eligible Applicant must apply to the program and:
 - be a taxable entity (e.g. individual, corporation or trust), limited partnership, cooperative, or First Nation Band,
 - have carried on a business of farming in PEI and reported farming income (or loss), to the Canada Revenue Agency for income tax purposes,
 - For applicants that are not required to file farm income tax, acceptable documentation that demonstrates the production and sale of agricultural commodities must be provided;
 - incurred extra-ordinary costs due directly to Post-Tropical Storm Dorian
 - is not a government funded research station, agency or institution.

Note: An Eligible Applicant may not apply to the Program if that person or another person is making (or has made) an application to any other Program for compensation in respect of the same extraordinary costs for the same acres harvested or seeded (e.g., the Government of PEI's *Disaster Financial Assistance Program* for Post-Tropical Storm Dorian).

3. ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Corn and Crambe:
 - Drying expenses,
 - Special equipment,
 - Custom operator costs, and
 - Equipment repair.
- Tree Fruit:
 - Trellis repair/replacement,
 - Tree straightening, and
 - Orchard access clean-up (equipment).

Note: For an expense to be eligible, it must have been incurred during 2019, and a direct result of damage caused by Storm Dorian.

Note: Payments to Eligible Applicants will be determined on a per-acre basis.

4. INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Expenses covered by existing Business Risk Management (BRM) programs, regardless of whether or not the applicant is enrolled in said BRM program(s)¹ (e.g. labour expenses, future crop loss, extra fuel, etc.), and
- Any expenses not directly related to Dorian.

5. PROGRAM STREAMS AND PAYMENTS

5.1 CORN (GRAIN, SILAGE AND SNAPLAGE/COBMEAL)

Level of Assistance

- A Payment of up to \$50.00 per Harvested Acre of Corn (grain, silage and snaplage/cobmeal) for eligible extraordinary costs due to Post-Tropical Storm Dorian.

Note: Only harvested acres are eligible for payment.

5.2 CRAMBE

Level of Assistance

- A Payment of up to \$26.00 per Harvested Acre of Crambe for eligible extraordinary costs due to Post-Tropical Storm Dorian.

Note: Only harvested acres are eligible for payment.

5.3 TREE FRUIT

Level of Assistance

- A Payment of up to \$1,000.00 per-acre of Fruit Trees fully affected for eligible extraordinary costs due to Post-Tropical Storm Dorian.
- A Payment of up to \$500.00 per-acre of Fruit Trees partially affected for eligible extraordinary costs due to Post-Tropical Storm Dorian.

Note: See definitions section for definitions of both “fully affected” and “partially affected.”

5.4 PAYMENTS (ALL STREAMS)

- The Department of Agriculture and Land and/or Project Review Committee has the sole discretion to determine eligibility of applications, validity of information declared on the application and to approve or limit payments.
- The Department of Agriculture and Land may pro-rate payments, or impose limits on amounts otherwise payable under the Program, where all applications made under the Post-Tropical Storm Dorian Response Program exceed the amount of funds available.
- Payments cannot be assigned or deferred to a subsequent tax year.
- Tax information slips required under the Income Tax Act (Canada) will be issued in the name of the Eligible Applicant.
- Program payments will be considered allowable income, for the purposes of the AgriStability program in the program year only.
- Program payments will not be considered allowable income for the calculation of reference margins under the AgriStability program.
- Program payments will not be considered allowable income for the purposes of the AgriInvest program.

¹ AgriRecovery, AgriInsurance, AgriStability, and AgriInvest.

6. APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Applications must be submitted no later than March 19, 2021.

7. APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS

- Applicants are required to sign and submit a complete Application Form and the required supporting information to the Department of Agriculture and Land, including the following:
 - Signed Declaration and Consent to Use Personal Information (Application Form, Section 4)
 - Acreage Declaration and Claim Information (Application Form, Section 5)
 - Applicant Reporting Form (Application form Appendix)
 - Corn seed receipts (if applicable)
 - Documentation supporting reported tree fruit acres “fully affected” or “partially affected” (including but not limited to invoices, receipts, and/or photos)
- A completed Application must be received by the Department of Agriculture and Land no later than March 19, 2021.
- The Department of Agriculture and Land may reject any application that is inaccurate or incomplete.
- Designates are not permitted to sign the Program application or other Program documentation on behalf of an individual, unless they are an attorney under a duly authorized power of attorney or an executor/executrix for that individual, proof of which is to be provided with the signed applications.

8. EVALUATION AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING

A complete evaluation of this program is planned to ensure the performance, relevance and impact of the program is understood. Program metrics are collected and reported on an on-going basis. Applicants in receipt of funding will be required to provide information for performance monitoring purposes.

9. PROGRAM TERMINATION

This program is effective April 1, 2020 and will terminate on March 31, 2021. This program may be altered or discontinued without notice by the Department of Agriculture and Land.

10. HOW TO APPLY

Completed applications may be submitted to the attention of the Program Administrator via regular mail or e-mail.

E-Mail Applications

Applications may be submitted via email at dorianresponse@gov.pe.ca

Please include the program name in the subject line

Regular Mail Applications

Post-Tropical Storm Dorian Response Program

PEI Department of Agriculture and Land

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Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8

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11. DEFINITIONS

Corn

Means both grain corn (corn harvested for the kernels by means of a combine) and silage corn (corn harvested as livestock feed and stored in a bunker, pile or silo), which includes snaplage and/or cobmeal.

Crambe

Means an oil seed crop, often harvested for the oil found within its seeds.

Eligible Applicant

Means a person or entity that has applied under the Program and meets the conditions set out in Section 2 of these Guidelines.

Eligible Crop

Means corn (grain or silage), crambe, or tree fruit/fruit tree.

Eligible Expenses

Drying expenses; special equipment; equipment repair; custom operator costs; trellis repair/replacement; and tree straightening. The eligibility of a given expense varies depending on the Eligible Crop (see above).

Extraordinary Costs

Means costs that, in the sole discretion of the Department of Agriculture and Land, are considered to be directly related to the impacts of Post-Tropical Storm Dorian, and its high winds and wet weather conditions, and are beyond normal operational costs incurred by the Eligible Applicant. Specific costs are defined under Eligible Expenses.

Fully Affected

Means tree fruit trees which producers were unable to harvest as a direct result of Post-Tropical Storm Dorian.

Harvested Acres

Means the acres planted of an Eligible Crop and successfully harvested in 2019 on Prince Edward Island.

Department of Agriculture and Land

Means the Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture and Land, which includes the Program Administrator and/or Project Review Committee.

Partially Affected

Means tree fruit trees which producers were able to harvest, but with difficulty and/or adjusted harvest practices as a direct result of Post Tropical Storm Dorian.

Project Review Committee

Means a committee appointment by DAL staff to review applications and project proposals.

Seeded Acres

Means the acres of an Eligible Crop seeded in 2019 on Prince Edward Island.

Tree Fruit

Means a tree which bears fruit that is consumed or used by humans and some animals (e.g. apples).

Viable

Means a farm's capability to survive and develop by using available resources, allowing for ongoing participation in agricultural markets.