

# Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture Programs for 2022-2023

For assistance with applications for any program, please contact a department staff member at the regional office nearest to you. Program specific information can be found at [novascotia.ca/programs/](https://novascotia.ca/programs/).

Western Region Offices	Cornwallis	902-638-2395	Eastern Region Offices	Truro	902-893-6575
	Kentville	902-679-6021		Antigonish	902-863-7180
	Lunenburg	902-634-7575		Sydney	902-563-2000

Program	Objective	Who can apply	Maximum funding available	Application intake
<b>Start-up and Business Development</b>				
<a href="#">Agriculture On-Farm Student Bursary Program</a>	To address labour gap for producers and introduce agriculture to students as a career option.	Student enrolled in a post-secondary institution with farm employment on a registered farm in Nova Scotia.	A maximum financial assistance of \$1,000 per program year.	September 1 – November 30, 2022.
<a href="#">Business Advisory Services</a>	To enhance farm's competitiveness, manage transition, develop risk management strategies, and respond to change.	A registered farm or agri-business generating commodity income of \$30,000+ or an Agricultural Industry Association.	A maximum assistance of \$10,000 per program year.	April 1 – November 30, 2022.
<a href="#">FarmNext Program</a>	To encourage and support new farmers purchasing a commercial farm.	A new farmer purchasing commercial farm or purchasing interest in an established farm for the first time.	A maximum of \$30,000 or eligible projected interest for 4 years with only one application for the life of the program.	December 31, 2022.
<a href="#">Food and Beverage Accelerator Program</a>	To provide specialized support for Nova Scotian food and beverage producers.	A registered farm or agri-business generating commodity income of \$30,000+.	Maximum assistance is dependent on projects applied for.	April 1 – November 30, 2022.
<a href="#">Small Farm Acceleration Program</a>	To support the income growth of Nova Scotia small farms through the implementation of business planning and farm growth strategies.	A registered farm generating commodity income less than \$60,000.	Maximum assistance is dependent on projects applied for.	Phase 1: April 1 – September 1, 2022. Phase 2: April 1 – October 31, 2022.

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<b>Research and Development</b>				
<a href="#">Missions and Investigative Travel Program</a>	Support for accessing new and emerging markets and to assist with adaptation of new automated processes and equipment.	A registered farm, agri-business or an agriculture industry association.	Travel support for in-bound and out-bound mission: a maximum of \$2,500 – domestic, \$3,500 – continental USA, and \$4,500 – International.	April 1 – November 30, 2022.
<b>Market Development and Export Orientation</b>				
<a href="#">Buy Local Partnership Program</a>	To help industries to conduct marketing initiatives focused on local markets.	A registered farm or agri-business, seafood distributor or agriculture industry association.	A maximum of \$10,000 per program year.	April 1 – September 30, 2022.
<a href="#">Market Expansion and Export Readiness Program</a>	To encourage the agriculture, agri-food and seafood industries to expand their current established market share and foster economic growth.	A registered farm or agri-business, seafood distributor or agriculture industry association that must be export ready and capable of servicing markets outside of NS.	A maximum of \$30,000 per program year, with the maximum funding of \$150,000 for the duration of the CAP program (2018–2023).	April 1 – June 30, 2022; July 1 – September 30, 2022.
<b>Other Funding</b>				
<a href="#">Soil and Water Sustainability Program</a>	To help farmers mitigate on-farm environmental risk for soil and water as identified in their individual environmental farm plans.	A registered farm generating commodity income of \$30,000+.	Maximum assistance is dependent on projects applied for.	Spring: April 1 – June 15, 2022. Fall: August 15 – September 15, 2022.
<a href="#">Limestone Trucking Assistance Program</a>	To help Nova Scotia Farms defray the cost of trucking limestone.	A registered farm or agriculture industry association, and a current soil analysis or nutrient management plan.	Maximum of \$32,000 per year per applicant.	February 1 – September 1, 2022.
<a href="#">Wildlife Damage Mitigation Program</a>	To improve industry competitiveness and resilience by helping farms protect crop and livestock from wildlife damage.	A registered farm generating commodity income of \$30,000+.	Maximum of \$15,000 based on commodity income.	April 1 – October 31, 2022.

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