

# New & Noteworthy

#### Completing Your Seeded Acreage Report and Hail Insurance Application Online

Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) offers you the convenience of submitting your Seeded Acreage Report (SAR) and filling out a Hail Insurance application online. If you already have a *my*MASC account, sign in at **www.masc.mb.ca** and get started today! If you haven't yet signed up for a *my*MASC account, contact your MASC Service Centre for assistance. We've created a step-by-step user guide to help you complete your report; you can find the guide at:

www.masc.mb.ca/Producer\_Packages. Once your SAR is submitted online and accepted by MASC, you will receive a Statement of Insurance in the mail.

If you complete your Hail Insurance application online, the amount owing will be displayed, with a **five per cent** discount if you choose to pay your hail premium within three business days of applying. MASC will mail you a Statement of Hail Insurance once your application for Hail Insurance has been accepted.

#### **Did You Know?**



If you discover a crop with hail damage, you can register your Hail Insurance claim online through *my*MASC.

#### **Hail Insurance on Novel Crops**

Visit **www.masc.mb.ca/Novel\_Crops** to see which novel crops are eligible for Hail Insurance. You must complete an application or contact MASC to purchase Hail Insurance coverage on novel crops.

#### **Contract Price Option**

Our Contract Price Option (CPO) program allows producers to blend the price of contracted production with the base AgriInsurance dollar value to better reflect the expected market prices. Contract Price Option is available for most insurable crops (including forage seed, organic, and pedigreed crops, excluding potatoes, vegetables, and forages). Producers who wish to take advantage of CPO must submit their contracted prices to MASC by **June 30**.

## Requirement to Incorporate Seed for Forage Establishment Insurance

To be eligible for Forage Establishment Insurance (FEI), forage seed must be incorporated into the soil by mechanical means. If an FEI crop is planted more than three days after a cover crop, MASC may inspect to verify the cover crop is not excessively damaged.

#### **Pedigreed Seed Coverage**

If you have selected one or more of the pedigreed seed crops for insurance, it is important that you record **pedigreed** along with the crop in the **Crop/Forage/Unseeded** column on your Seeded Acreage Report to have the appropriate coverage. If you do not indicate the crop as pedigreed, it will be insured as non-pedigreed (except timothy, which must be pedigreed to be insured). If you are growing a pedigreed canola crossing block, please contact MASC for instructions.

#### **Insuring Your Herd**

Livestock Price Insurance (LPI) is an insurance program that provides risk management to beef producers. Get forward price coverage for calves you plan to market between September 2025 and February 2026 with the LPI – Calf program. The deadline to purchase LPI – Calf policies is **June 12, 2025**. Visit **www.lpi.ca** for full program details.

#### **Loan Application Credit**

As a young farmer, there's a lot to manage, so applying for financial support should be simple. MASC has created a helpful video to explain the loan application process, so you know exactly what to expect.

Visit www.bit.ly/BorrowingwithMASC to watch the video to learn what you need to get started.

**BONUS**: by watching the video, you'll be eligible for the Young Farmer Fee Credit, waiving your loan application fee!

#### **Sign-up for Electronic Claim Payments**

Receive claim payments quicker by signing up for direct deposit. Register today for direct deposit through *my*MASC or call one of our team members for assistance.

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#### **Lending Limits Increased**

Farming is a way of life, but it's also your business, and every dollar counts. That's why we've increased the Direct Loan lending limit to \$5.75 million (from \$5.25 million) and the Stocker Loan limit to \$1.4 million (from \$1 million).

Grow your business with confidence with MASC's competitive loan products, featuring long-term fixed interest rates with no prepayment penalties. Loans are available for a variety of purposes, including breeding livestock purchases, land and buildings, equipment financing, operating expenses, and debt consolidation. We have several options that may be of assistance:

- Stocker Loans are available for short-term financing to purchase or retain owned market livestock to feed or heifers to breed
- Take advantage of an MASC Direct Loan to purchase new or used agricultural equipment. The loan terms range up to seven years on used equipment and up to 10 years for new equipment.

MASC is committed to supporting clients who currently have a loan with us. We have several options that can assist with cash flow concerns, which can include the potential to defer upcoming payments on Direct Loans.

#### **Increased Support for Young Farmers**

As of April 1, 2025, our Young Farmer Rebate (YFR) maximum limit has increased from \$30,000 to \$40,000! That means eligible producers under the age of 40 can enjoy an annual rebate up to two per cent on the first \$400,000 of a loan for the first five years, to a maximum savings of \$40,000. The YFR is part of our Bridging Generations Initiative designed to support the next generation of Manitoba farmers. These savings assist in providing capital in those critical startup years where every dollar counts.

### **Upcoming Deadlines**

June 10	Deadline to destroy existing forage acres to be eligible for Excess Moisture Insurance
June 12	Deadline to purchase a Livestock Price Insurance calf policy
June 22	Deadline to file an Excess Moisture Insurance claim  Deadline to report aerial seeded acreage on your Seeded Acreage Report
June 25	Deadline to file your <b>Forage Establishment Insurance</b> claim for forage crops seeded in 2023
June 30	Deadline to submit your contracted prices to be eligible for the Contract Price Option  Deadline to file your Seeded Acreage Report without a late fee
	Late claim deadline for Excess Moisture Insurance (subject to late fees)



#### **MASC 2026 Calendar**

We're once again giving MASC clients the opportunity to have their images featured in our 2026 calendar! Send us your best photos showcasing the heart and soul of rural Manitoba for a chance to be featured in MASC's 2026 calendar. If we select your photo for next year's calendar, you'll win a prize package (valued at \$50). Visit www.masc.mb.ca/Calendar\_Photos to learn more.





Visit www.masc.mb.ca for additional updates, program information, and contact information.

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