



# Rates, Dates and Updates

## 2024 Information Sheet

### It's time to renew your farm business registration

We know you are busy. To help save you some time, you can complete your registration at [agricorp.com/fbr](http://agricorp.com/fbr). Join thousands of farmers who completed their registration online last year.

#### Go paperless

You can choose email as your preferred communication method – no more waiting for your invoice in the mail.

#### Easily select an AFO and pay

You can pay with a credit card. It's quick, easy, and secure, and you will avoid a trip to the bank or to the post office.

#### Immediately receive proof of registration

You will receive an email as proof of registration, which you can use to apply for farm license plates.

#### Quickly update your FBR information

Your account information is at your fingertips. Confirm or update your farm information, all online.

Visit [agricorp.com/fbr](http://agricorp.com/fbr) and renew by **March 1, 2024**

### Which accredited farm organization (AFO) is right for you?

Each year, you can direct your FBR to one of the following AFOs and apply for membership with that organization. To find out more, read the following descriptions provided by each of the AFOs.



#### Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO)

The CFFO is a professional organization for families called to the vocation of farming. The CFFO values family farm enterprise, profitability, and responsible stewardship of resources. CFFO policy promotes economically, socially and environmentally sustainable farming, advocating that farmers receive fair return for their production and stewardship efforts. For more information, call the CFFO at 1-855-800-0306, email [info@christianfarmers.org](mailto:info@christianfarmers.org), or visit [www.christianfarmers.org](http://www.christianfarmers.org).



#### National Farmers Union – Ontario (NFU-O)

NFU-O supports and empowers farmers to farm sustainably and profitably. Members benefit from belonging to a diverse community that supports their interests. For 50+ years the NFU-O has fought for farmers through a grassroots, democratic approach, and we advocate boldly for farmer-friendly policies in our communities and at all levels of government. For more information, call the NFU-O at 1-888-832-9638, email [office@nfuontario.ca](mailto:office@nfuontario.ca), or visit [www.nfuontario.ca](http://www.nfuontario.ca).



#### Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)

Together Ontario farmers have a voice. Joining with the OFA's 38,000 members means contributing to and supporting agriculture's voice. It enables you to share your knowledge and advice; network with your fellow members to develop and deliver agriculture's message; access OFA staff assistance on farm-related concerns; and enjoy purchasing power with OFA Member Benefit partners. For more information, call the OFA at 1-800-668-3276, email [memberrelations@ofa.on.ca](mailto:memberrelations@ofa.on.ca), or visit [www.ofa.on.ca](http://www.ofa.on.ca).

## Other important program information

### Qualifying for FBR

To qualify, you must gross at least \$7,000 in eligible farm income annually.\* If your gross farm income has dropped below \$7,000 or if a tenant farms part of your property, you may still qualify for the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program. Contact Agricornp to discuss your eligibility.

### Pay your fee

The amount due for 2024 is \$288.15, including HST. To pay, visit [agricorp.com/fbr](https://agricorp.com/fbr) with your credit card and FBR number (which is on your invoice). Even if you receive a paper invoice, you can still pay online. At [agricorp.com/fbr](https://agricorp.com/fbr), you can select an AFO, get proof of registration right away, and update your farm information.

### Selecting the correct payee (Agricornp-FBR)

If you choose to pay your invoice at your financial institution, using internet or telephone banking, or by cheque, make sure to use **Agricornp-FBR** as the payee. We will direct your payment to the AFO we have on file from last year.

### Changing your AFO

You can change your AFO when you renew your registration online at [agricorp.com/fbr](https://agricorp.com/fbr) or by calling Agricornp at 1-866-327-3678.

### Requesting a refund on your AFO membership

All farm businesses that gross \$7,000 or more annually are required by law to register their farming businesses and pay a selected AFO. However, the *Farm Registration and Farm Organizations Funding Act, 1993* states that you can request a refund. When requesting a refund from your AFO, only your FBR number, name and mailing address is required. Please note that if you request a refund, you can no longer access the benefits and services that the AFO provides to its members. Request a refund no later than May 31, 2024. For more information about refunds, email your AFO or visit their website (AFO contact information shown on page 1).

### Obtaining new farm plates

Applicants for new farm plates are required to demonstrate that they have a farm business. You can show your AFO membership card or the confirmation message from renewing online as proof of registration. If you have any questions, visit a Service Ontario location, call 1-800-387-3445, or visit [www.ontario.ca/serviceontario](https://www.ontario.ca/serviceontario).

### Applying for an exemption from FBR

If you object to participating in FBR or paying due to religious beliefs, you may be eligible for an exemption. You can request an exemption by contacting the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal at 1-888-466-2372 ext. 519-826-3433.

\* All farm businesses in Ontario that gross \$7,000 or more annually are required by law to register their farm business with Agricornp. If your gross farm income falls below \$7,000, contact Agricornp to discuss your eligibility.

## Services for French-speaking producers

For French-speaking producers in Ontario, services are also provided by the Union des cultivateurs franco-ontariens (UCFO), regardless of their selected AFO. The UCFO promotes the economic and social-cultural interests of French-speaking Ontario farmers and publishes the Agricom newspaper. Producers can access their services without changing their selected AFO. For more information, contact the UCFO at [www.ucfo.ca](https://www.ucfo.ca) or 1-613-488-2929.

### Errors and omissions excepted.

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