



Rates, Dates and Updates 2023 Information Sheet

It's time to renew your farm business registration

We know you are busy, and to help save you some time, you can complete your registration at www.agricorp.com/fbr. Join thousands of farmers who completed their FBR registration online last year. You can:

Easily select an AFO and pay your registration

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 licence plates.

Quickly update your FBR information

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

Visit www.agricorp.com/fbr and renew by March 1, 2023

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 or visit www.christianfarmers.org.



National Farmers Union – Ontario (NFU-O)

The NFU-O is a strong and growing organization of farmers; together we build successful, sustainable farms and vibrant communities. Our members develop farmer-friendly policy through our grassroots, democratic approach, and we advocate boldly for those policies at all levels of government: locally, provincially and nationally. For more information, call the NFU-O at 1-888-832-9638 or visit 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 or visit 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 at www.agricorp.com/fbr

The amount due for 2023 is \$288.15, including HST. To pay, visit www.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 www.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, simply select **Agricornp-FBR**. 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 www.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. If you do not wish to receive the benefits of an AFO, contact the AFO that you directed your payment to in writing by May 31, 2023.

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.

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 1-613-488-2929.

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