

# CREDIT FOR UPA DUES PROGRAM 2024



As an effort to support low-income “regrouped producers” and “joint producers”, *Union des producteurs agricoles* (UPA) has instituted a Credit for UPA Dues Program. The credit, equivalent to an individual producer’s dues, is **conditionally applied for 2024** provided all eligibility criteria are met. The administration of the program falls under the responsibility of the Manager for Membership Dues.

The term “multiple-owner farm” includes corporations, partnerships, associations, trusts, or any other producers grouping as defined in the *Règlement sur les catégories de producteurs, leur représentation et leur cotisation annuelle à L’Union des producteurs agricoles* (the *Règlement*) (RLRQ c. P28, r.1).

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ✓ Must be an agricultural producer registered as a double-dues paying farm (\$812) for the current year (2024) and expect to have a farm gross income of less than \$25,000 for 2024.
- ✓ Must comply with the dues’ regulations (the *Règlement*) and have paid dues along with any applicable interest to the UPA, including payment of individual dues, for the current year, i.e., \$466.80 (\$406 plus tax) and interest if applicable.
- ✓ **You will receive a double dues notice**, and you must have paid a single due for us to process your request.
- ✓ **Must complete the form below and return it to the UPA, BY OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 AT THE LATEST.**
- ✓ Must demonstrate, to UPA’ satisfaction, that the 2024 farm gross income was less than \$25,000<sup>(1)</sup> and send us the required documents **by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**.

The UPA reserves the right to alter the program criteria or to terminate the program without notice.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

### For General Partnerships, Co-Ownerships and Trust:

- Statement of Farming Activities from the 2024 federal tax return (Form T2042).

For audit and program compliance purposes, a certain number of applications will be selected at random and analyzed in detail. In these cases, producers will be required to provide us with the following additional documents:

- 2024 Federal Income Tax and Benefit Return (T1) of one of the partners or co-owners.
- Notice of Assessment for the 2024 federal tax return.
- Statement of Farm-Support Payments (Form AGR-1), if applicable.

### For Companies, Co-Operatives, and Limited Partnerships:

- 2024 financial statements, including the notes.

For audit and program compliance purposes, a certain number of applications will be selected at random and analyzed in detail. In these cases, producers will be required to provide us with the following additional documents:

- 2024 Federal Corporation Income Tax Return (T2) and annex 1.
- Notice of Assessment for the 2024 federal tax return.
- Statement of Farm-Support Payments (Form AGR-1), if applicable.

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<sup>(1)</sup> The following items are counted as farm gross income for this program: sale of wood, crop insurance, AgriStability, farm income stabilization insurance (ASRA), Agri-Québec Plus or similar program.

## REPRESENTATION AND VOTING RIGHTS

Dues credit application forms are subject to initial processing upon receipt. Following the conditional approval, the “multiple-owner farm” shall be considered as an individual farm for the year in which the credit is applicable, in which case the farm will be entitled to a single authorized representative as identified on the credit application form. If the “multiple-owner farm” is a member of a syndicate affiliated with the UPA, the granting of the credit will involve:

- i. Only one vote.
- ii. Only one insured individual in the event of accidental death.
- iii. Only one membership card.

## CREDIT ALLOCATION

If the UPA considers that the “multiple-owner farm” meets all the program criteria, a credit equivalent to a 2024 single dues fee (\$406) may be granted. In all cases, the granting of the credit shall be conditional upon the “multiple-owner farm” accepting all conditions of the program.

The UPA reserves the right to refuse any application that is non-compliant, is incomplete, is unsigned, or has missing or incomplete documentation.

- *The credit is not redeemable for cash, is not transferrable, and is not retroactive.*

## USE OF INFORMATION

The documents and information obtained through the dues credit program may be used to review the producer’s file if necessary.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

The UPA undertakes to treat the documents and information submitted as confidential.

## APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Persons interested in applying for the Credit for UPA Dues Program may obtain the necessary application form from their regional UPA federation.

The form is also available on the UPA website at [www.upa.qc.ca/en/](http://www.upa.qc.ca/en/) by clicking “Services for Producers,”/“Credit for UPA Dues” or by clicking the following link: <https://www.upa.qc.ca/en/programme-credit-de-cotisation/>. Finally, the form can be requested by telephone at 450-679-0540, ext. 8213.

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## 3 WAYS TO SUBMIT THE FORM BY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2024

- By email:           cotisations@upa.qc.ca
- By fax:             450 463-5215
- By mail:            L’Union des producteurs agricoles  
Dues Service  
100-555 Boul. Roland-Therrien  
Longueuil (Québec) J4H 3Y9

It is your responsibility to ensure we receive your application by the deadline. The program is annual, a new form must be completed each year.

# APPLICATION FORM



## CREDIT FOR UPA DUES PROGRAM 2024

<https://www.upa.qc.ca/en/programme-credit-de-cotisation/>

UPA No: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ✓ You must be an agricultural producer registered as a double-dues paying farm (\$812) for the current year (2024) **and expect to have a farm gross income of less than \$25,000 for the current year.**
- ✓ You must comply with the dues regulations and have paid dues along with any applicable interest to the UPA, including payment of individual dues, for the current year, i.e., \$466.80 (\$406 plus tax).
- ✓ **You will receive a double dues notice**, and you must have paid a single due for us to process your request.
- ✓ **You must complete the form below and return it to the UPA, BY OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**
- ✓ You must demonstrate, to UPA' satisfaction, that the farm gross income for the year 2024 was less than \$25,000<sup>(1)</sup> and send us the required documents **by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**
- ✓ For full terms and conditions, please visit the website: <https://www.upa.qc.ca/en/programme-credit-de-cotisation>

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS BY JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2025

<b>For General Partnerships, Co-Ownerships and Trust:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statement of Farming Activities from the 2024 federal tax return (Form T2042).</li></ul>	<b>For Companies, Co-Operatives, and Limited Partnerships:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2024 financial statements, including the notes.</li></ul>
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For audit and program compliance purposes, a certain number of applications will be selected at random and analyzed in detail. In these cases, producers will be required to provide us with additional documents planned in the program.

#### To be eligible for the individual UPA dues credit, I authorize the UPA:

- ✓ To verify my production volumes through the appropriate federations and/or syndicates.
- ✓ To verify all the required documents, which I will provide.

In addition: I agree to be considered as an individual producer. Consequently, a single authorized representative will be recognized for my business, whom I hereby identify as: **X** \_\_\_\_\_

Please print surname and given name

- ✓ For member farms: I acknowledge that the farm will have only one right to vote, to be exercised by the authorized representative identified above.
- ✓ I understand that I will be obligated to repay the credit with any applicable interest if my farm gross income exceeds \$25,000 in 2024 or if I do not provide all the required documents **by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

I declare that the information provided in this application form and the attached documentation is correct.

I declare that I am aware of the program criteria, that I agree with it, and that I undertake to follow it.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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