

Consultation on a new tiered dues system for the Union des producteurs agricoles



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A long-awaited reform

In recent years, the UPA has received several requests from producers to make the dues system **more equitable** for all farm businesses.

There is a desire to modify the current system: firstly so that the assessment amounts are based on farm size, and secondly to achieve a better balance between production types that pay contributions to the UPA under joint plans and those that do not.

As a result of a legislative change that took place in November 2023, the UPA is now in a position to modify its system. The proposed reform came out of consultations and a democratic process with advance input from producers.

Proposed changes to the dues system

There are three major proposed changes to the new dues system that would come into effect in 2027:



Tiered assessments
based on gross
farm receipts.



An **assessment increase** (in the form of complementary assessments) for businesses in which 25% or more of gross farm receipts come from production types in which no contributions are paid to the UPA through joint plans.



Annual declarations by producers to determine the assessment amounts to be charged.

How is the UPA financed now?

In its capacity as the certified association, under *Farm Producers Act*, the UPA is currently financed as follows:



All producers are charged a **fixed assessment** amount, either single or double depending on the legal structure of the business



Producers in sectors covered by joint plans are also charged a **variable contribution** based on the individual production volume for their business.

Further information: www.upa.qc.ca/en/financing

Consultation period



- A consultation on the proposed changes is currently under way with the directors of all producers' groups.
- Starting in September 2025, all UPA members will be given the chance to have their say about the reform at the annual general meetings of their local syndicates.
- At the end of the process, if the members agree, a draft resolution to modify the dues system will be tabled at the General Congress in December 2025.

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www.upa.qc.ca/consultation-dues-system