

CREDIT FOR UPA DUES PROGRAM 2020

In an effort to support low-income “multiple-owner farms,” The 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 2020** provided all eligibility criteria are met. The administration of the program falls under the responsibility of the Director of Information Technology and Dues Services.

The term “multiple-owner farm” includes corporations, partnerships, associations, trusts, or any other farm group as defined in the *Règlement sur les catégories de producteurs, leur représentation et leur cotisation annuelle à L’Union des producteurs agricoles* (the *Règlement*). (L.R.Q., c. P-28, D-9958, G.O.Q., December 10, 2012, 5999)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ✓ Must be an agricultural producer registered as a double-dues paying farm (\$772) for the current year (2020) and expect to have a gross farm income of less than \$25,000 for 2020;
- ✓ Must be in compliance with the dues’ regulations (the *Règlement*) and have paid dues along with any applicable interest to the UPA, including payment of an individual dues, for the current year, i.e., \$443.80 (\$386 plus tax);
- ✓ Must complete the form below and return it to the UPA **by October 31, 2020 at the latest**;
- ✓ Must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the UPA, that the gross farm income for the year 2020 was less than \$25,000⁽¹⁾ and send us the required documents **by July 31, 2021**.

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

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1) For General Partnerships and Co-Ownerships:

- Statement of Farming Activities from the 2020 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:

- 2020 Federal Income Tax and Benefit Return (T1) of one of the partners or co-owners;
- Notice of Assessment for the 2020 federal tax return;
- Statement of Farm-Support Payments (Form AGR-1), if applicable.

OR

2) For Companies, Co-Operatives, and Limited Partnerships:

- 2020 financial statements, including the notes.

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- 2020 Federal Corporation Income Tax Return (T2) and annexe 1;
- Notice of Assessment for the 2020 federal tax return;
- Statement of Farm-Support Payments (Form AGR-1), if applicable.

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

REPRESENTATION AND VOTING RIGHTS

Dues credit application forms are subject to initial processing upon receipt. Following conditional approval, the “multiple-owner farm” shall be considered 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 individual insured in the event of accidental death;
- iii. Only one membership card.

CREDIT ALLOCATION

If the UPA considers that the “multiple-owner farm” meets all program criteria, a credit equivalent to a 2020 single dues fee (\$386) 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 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.

3 WAYS TO SUBMIT THE FORM BY OCTOBER 31, 2020

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.



APPLICATION FORM

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UPA No.: _____ Name of applicant: _____
Name of farm: _____
Address: _____ Postal code: _____
Municipality: _____ Legal status of business: _____
Telephone: 1) _____ 2) _____ Fax: _____
Email address: _____

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In order 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: _____

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 gross farm income exceeds \$25,000 in 2020 or if I do not provide all the required documents **by July 31, 2021.**

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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