



**GRASSLANDS
APPLICATION FORM**

PART A – FARM BUSINESS ENROLMENT

A program enrolment is required to capture your contact and business information. To submit enrolment and application forms on behalf of a business you must be authorized to submit this information on behalf of the business as well as bind the business to the program's terms and conditions.

First Name	Last name	<input type="checkbox"/> Langue de correspondance préférée : Français
Primary Phone	Email Address	

Full Legal/ Corporate Name of Business (Complete name under which the farm business files taxes)

Operating name of Farm Business (Name under which the farm business operates)

Same as Legal name of Farm Business, OR:

Business Mailing Address (Line 1)	Business Mailing Address (Line 2)		
City/Town	Province ON	Postal Code	

Business Ownership Structure

- Sole Proprietorship
 Partnership
 Incorporated Business
 Cooperative
 Community or Other Not for Profit
 Broader Public Sector

Gross Business Revenue

- under \$10,000
 \$50,000 - \$99,999
 \$500,000 - \$999,999
 \$5M - \$9.99M
 \$100M - \$199M
 \$10,000 - \$24,999
 \$100,000 - \$249,999
 \$1M - \$1.99M
 \$10M - \$49.99M
 \$200M and over
 \$25,000 - \$49,999
 \$250,000 - \$499,999
 \$2M - \$4.99M
 \$50M - \$99.99M
 Not-for-profit

Business Number

The CRA Business number is a 9-digit business identifier used in Canada to which clients can register program accounts with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The program account number consists of three parts: The business number, the two-letter program identifier, and the four-digit reference number. If you do not have a CRA business number check the box below.

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I confirm I do not have a CRA Business Number

Farm Business Registration Number (FBRN)

An FBRN for a qualifying farm business can be received by registering with Agricorp. This is a five (5) to seven (7) digit number. All farm businesses in Ontario that gross \$7,000 or more annually are required by law to register their farm business.

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If your business qualifies for an exemption from the FBR Program, please select the option below. Documentation will be required with your application submission (refer to the program guide for eligibility information and required documentation).

- My business qualifies for a religious exemption OR a cultural exemption from the FBR Program
 My business qualifies for an income exemption from the Farm Property Class Tax Rate program
 I am not required to have an FBRN, but my business qualifies for an exemption from the FBR Program OR I can provide other documentation in support of my business. Documentation is required with an application submission

Primary CommoditySelect your business's **primary** commodity type (select one):**Crop production**

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soybean farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Potato farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco farming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oilseed (except soybean) farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Other vegetable (except potato) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cotton farming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry pea and bean farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree and nut farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar cane farming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheat farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Mushroom | <input type="checkbox"/> Hay farming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corn farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Crops grown under cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit and vegetable combination farming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rice farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery and tree production | <input type="checkbox"/> Maple syrup and products production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other grain farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Floriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> All other miscellaneous crop farming |

Animal production

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry hatcheries | <input type="checkbox"/> Apiculture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy cattle and milk production | <input type="checkbox"/> Combination poultry and egg production | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse and other equine production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hog and pig farming | <input type="checkbox"/> All other poultry production | <input type="checkbox"/> Fur-bearing animal and rabbit production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken egg production | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal combination farming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broiler and other meat-type chicken production | <input type="checkbox"/> Goat farming | <input type="checkbox"/> All other miscellaneous animal production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey production | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture | |

Signing Authorities

- I confirm to be the primary signing authority for this business. If I am not a signing authority for the business, I am unable to submit enrolment and application information on behalf of the business.

Second Signing Authority: (if applicable)

First Name Last Name

Third signing authority: (if applicable)First Name Last Name



Grasslands

NATURE SMART CLIMATE READINESS PRORGAM

PART B - PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Provide the information below for **where your project has been or will be implemented**. This may be different from your business address.

Address Line 1	Address Line 2	
City/Town	Province ON	Postal Code
County/District	Municipality	

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Title

Description (limit 3,500 characters)

Describe the grassland project you are proposing (either for conservation of an existing grassland, **or** for new grassland where there is currently no grassland). Include information on project components including the location and extent of any existing drainage features or watercourses, existing vegetated buffers, existing wetlands, existing grasslands, proposed planting, species, seed mix, sizes/dimensions of protected and/or newly restored area, etc. as applicable. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

WORK PLAN

Estimated Project Start Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Estimated Project Completion (YYYY-MM-DD)

List each activity/key milestone necessary to successfully complete the project, in order of estimated completion date. Refer to the Program Guide for eligible project start and completion dates. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Activity/Key Milestone	Estimated Completion Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

PROJECT COST INFORMATION

Please provide proposed costs necessary to complete your project (in CAD, before HST). For details on eligible invoice dates, visit the Program Guide. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Cost item description (include all goods and services)	Estimated date cost incurred (YYYY-MM-DD)	Estimated Cost (\$ CAD, before HST)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
TOTAL PROPOSED COSTS:		

ELIGIBLE IN-KIND COSTS

Include reasonable hours of **unpaid** labour and /or use of farm business equipment. See the Program Guide for details. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Description of Activity	Estimated date cost incurred (YYYY-MM-DD)	Number of Hours	Rate per Hour	Amount (\$ CAD)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
TOTAL PROPOSED IN-KIND:				

OTHER SOURCE FUNDING

List all other sources of program funding that you expect to receive for the proposed project. **DO NOT INCLUDE** your own funds (e.g., operating lines, bank loans, credit).

Source of Funds	Amount (\$ CAD)	
1.		
2.		
3.		
TOTAL OTHER SOURCE FUNDING:		

BID

Be sure to refer to the [bid guidelines](#) (provided in the Program Guide under "What Do I Need to Apply") for guidance on how to decide on a bid amount.

	Amount (\$ CAD)
Your bid for this project	

ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

You may wish to refer to the [Nature Smart Glossary](#) (provided in the Program Guide under "What Do I Need to Apply") for a list of terms that may be relevant in answering the following questions.

1. My project is best described as (select one):

- Protection and/or improvement (e.g., improved habitat) of an existing grassland
- Creation of a new grassland where grasses currently do not grow

2. Provide the approximate GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude) of the project.

3. How many acres is the project?

4. Will the proposed project area be grazed, ploughed, mowed, or otherwise used for agricultural purposes?

- Yes

Please describe: _____

- No

5. Is your project focused on a wetland or an upland area?

- My project is focused on a wetland area
- My project is focused on an upland area

6. Are the soils at the project site organic or mineral?

- The soils are organic.

Depth of soil organic layer: _____

- The soils are mineral.

7. Is the project within 1 m of a watercourse or stream? (If yes, this watercourse should be labelled/noted on your site map)

- Yes
- No

8. Select which is most accurate for your project:

- The project area includes or will include at least 25% cover of trees/shrubs and woody species
- The project area includes or will include mostly (more than 75% cover) non-woody vegetation (e.g. grasses/herbs/flowers/weeds).

9. Which of the following (if any) are included in your project? Check all that apply.

- Planting native seed mix(es) and/or native grassland C4 plants and/or native trees and/or pollinator habitat
- Planting deciduous trees
- Adding nesting structures or other wildlife habitat features based on best management practices and conservation organization guidelines (please describe):

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- Using biochar as a soil amendment
 - Invasive plant species control according to best management practices (please describe):

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- Taller (>1 m) woody plantings along stream banks
 - Proposed project acts as a corridor to connect various natural areas on the property
 - Fencing to exclude livestock from natural features
 - Improved/replaced water crossing structures to minimize stream and bank disturbance (note, this must be accompanied by a Conservation Authority permit where applicable)
 - Controlled burns in grassland according to best management practices (please describe):

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- Planting or seeding on areas with erosion issues or risks (e.g., as stated by your crop advisor, or a rating of 1 or 2 for any "erosion" questions on the Soil Management worksheet in the Environmental Farm Plan, or a rating of 1 or 2 for the site's potential for wind or water erosion as per the Ontario Soils Calculator at <https://soilscalculator.ontariosoilcrop.org/>)
 - Stream bank erosion control measures (e.g., drop structures, live staking for bank stability, tile outlet improvements to reduce erosion)
 - Project is located within a floodplain (e.g., mapping is available from your local Conservation Authority or municipality, if applicable)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Ensure that you include the following documents with your application submission for the **Nature Smart Climate Readiness Program**. See the Program Guide for full details.

- Detailed site map(s) based on a satellite image (e.g., using Google Maps, AgMaps), which shows the project site, its acreage, and its location on the farm property
- Documentation to demonstrate you are working with a qualified third-party on this project, such as planning documents or a letter of support
- Appropriate FBRN exemption documentation (only required if no FBRN has been provided)

FARM BUSINESS DECLARATION, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, CONSENT AND SIGNATURE

In order to apply, you must agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions of the Nature Smart Climate Readiness Program (“NSCRP”, or “Nature Smart”).

The applicant farm business must be a legal entity that is eligible under NSCRP. The individual who signs the application form must be a person who is authorized by the applicant farm business to sign/submit the form on behalf of the applicant and to bind the applicant to the contents therein. This person is referred to as “you” below.

You must certify on the application that:

- You have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the requirements of NSCRP. The Program Guide sets out the requirements for NSCRP and the Project Category.
- All information submitted on the application is true and complete, to the best of your knowledge, belief and understanding.
- All sources of funding for the proposed project, other than the applicant’s, have been disclosed in this application, including sources and amounts from federal, provincial, and municipal governments, and such funds do not, and will not exceed 100 per cent of total project costs.

You must further certify on the Application, that the applicant:

- Shall retain all records relating to any payments made to the applicant under NSCRP, including all invoices and proof of payment for at least seven (7) years from the date on which payment was received by the applicant.
- Shall consent to Ontario, OSCIA or Canada publishing information about the project/activities funded including the amount of funding the applicant has been approved to receive and/or has received under NSCRP, the nature and results of any project/ activities funded, along with the applicant’s name.

You must further acknowledge and accept that:

- NSCRP is a discretionary, non-entitlement program and the applicant is not entitled to funding merely as a consequence of submitting an application. Payment is subject to Ontario receiving all the necessary appropriations from the Ontario Legislature, Ontario receiving all the necessary monies from Canada, the applicant and the applicant’s project (and all activities) satisfying eligibility criteria, as well as the applicant’s compliance with all terms and conditions of NSCRP.
- If it is determined that the applicant has received a payment the applicant was not eligible to receive, through administrative error or otherwise, the applicant will repay any and all payments that the applicant was not eligible to receive as well as any surplus funding.
- Any payments made to the applicant may be subject to recovery or offset against the applicant’s pre-existing debts to the Crown in Right of Ontario or Canada.
- Ontario, OSCIA or Canada, including, their respective Ministers, directors, officers, agents, employees, or representatives (as applicable) shall not be liable for any damage or loss whatsoever, or howsoever arising, including damage or loss arising from any advice, opinions, representations, warranties, or the provision of information under NSCRP.
- The information provided to NSCRP, with the exception of the Social Insurance Number of recipients of funding who are sole proprietors or unincorporated entities, may be disclosed by Ontario or OSCIA on behalf of Ontario to verify compliance with other provincial and federal funding initiatives administered by Ontario or another program administrator on behalf of Ontario or by Ontario in order to confirm the information provided, to verify eligibility and to ensure there is no duplication of funding. The information provided for NSCRP may be subject to disclosure under the *Freedom of*

- The applicant does not currently owe any money to Ontario, or you have attached a description of the applicant’s debt to Ontario to this application.
- You are not, nor is any officer, director or employee of the applicant a current or former federal public office holder or federal public servant, or, if you, or any officer, director or employee of the applicant are a current or former federal public officer holder or federal public servant, you or that officer, director or employee of the applicant are in compliance with the *Conflict of Interest Act*, the *Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons*, the *Values and Ethics Code for the Public Sector and the Policy on Conflict of Interest and Post-employment*, as applicable.
- You are not, nor is any officer, director or employee of the applicant, a member of the House of Commons or of the Senate, or if you, or any officer, director or employee of the applicant are, you or the officer, director or employee of the applicant are permitted under the *Parliament of Canada Act* to receive funding from Canada under NSCRP.

Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Ontario), the *Access to Information Act* (Canada) or *Privacy Act* (Canada).

You consent to the following on behalf of the applicant:

- To provide accurate, timely and full information, including supporting documentation, to Ontario or OSCIA and will notify Ontario or OSCIA immediately in the event there are any changes to information provided.
- To provide Canada, Ontario and OSCIA, as well as their authorized representatives, with any information or access to a person, place or thing within ten (10) business days of any request, field verification or audit.
- To comply with onsite field inspections and/or audits by Ontario or OSCIA upon notice, and during normal business hours, to verify eligibility, and to evaluate compliance with the requirements of NSCRP.
- To comply with reviews by Ontario of information related to other programs and initiatives delivered by, or for, Ontario in which the applicant is enrolled or has applied.
- The use of the applicant’s name and contact information by Ontario, OSCIA and/or Canada to contact the applicant for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of the NSCRP programming, or for any other similar purpose.

In the event of a conflict between anything set out in Guidebooks, Guidelines and the Minister’s Order, the Minister’s Order will prevail. Errors and Omissions Excepted.

NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION: Ontario may collect the Social Insurance Number (SIN) of a NSCRP funding recipient where that recipient is a sole proprietor or an unincorporated entity, in order to meet its obligations under the Income Tax Act (Canada), and for the purposes of auditing and collection of over-payments. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the collection of this information, please contact the OSCIA at: 519-826-4214.

BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NATURE SMART CLIMATE READINESS PROGRAM, AS SET OUT IN THE PROGRAM GUIDE AND THIS APPLICATION FORM, AND AM A LEGAL SIGNING AUTHORITY FOR THE FARM BUSINESS AND AM AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT AS WELL AS BIND THE APPLICANT TO THE ABOVE.

I have read and agree with the terms and conditions (please check box then add your name and signature below)

Name (please print)

Signature (Required)

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Submit your application with all required supporting documentation to:

naturesmart@ontariosoilcrop.org

OR

Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association
1-367 Woodlawn Road West
Guelph, ON N1H 7K9

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