



Delta Farmland and Wildlife
Trust
OFFICE USE ONLY
Program Year: **2023**
Agreement #: _____

DFWT Field Unit(s)

Regional Maps

DELTA FARMLAND AND WILDLIFE TRUST

Cover Crop Stewardship Agreement

Date _____

BETWEEN THE COOPERATOR: (First and Last Name) _____

(Position or Job Title within Farm) _____

Legal Farm Name _____

AND **THE DELTA FARMLAND AND WILDLIFE TRUST**, a non-profit, community-based, charitable society whose mission is to promote the preservation of farmland and associated wildlife habitat in the Fraser River delta through sustainable farming and land stewardship (referred to hereafter as "DFWT").

WHEREAS: The Cooperator and DFWT have agreed to cost share the establishment of clover, winter cereals and/or spring cereals for the purposes of soil conservation and wildlife habitat enhancement in Metro Vancouver and Abbotsford, in the Province of British Columbia.

THE COOPERATOR WILL:

- Plant a cover crop at a seeding rate appropriate to the crop type by an appropriate planting date (see cover crop program brochure) within the fields identified on Schedule A of this agreement and return this form to the DFWT office by **October 20, 2023**. (Please note that this program is first-come, first-served and funding will be allocated until it is fully utilized. Submitting your agreement as soon as possible is recommended.)
- plant cover crops for a three-year period (including 2024 and in 2025).
- Allow DFWT to monitor fields for wildlife use from October 15, 2023, to March 31, 2024.
- **Ensure that plow down** of the cover crop **does not occur before March 31, 2024**, unless DFWT is advised of and agrees to an earlier plow down date.
- Indemnify and save harmless DFWT from and against any and all actions, suits, claims, demands, damages or losses, howsoever arising as a result of the establishment and operation of the Cover Crop Program.

THE DELTA FARMLAND & WILDLIFE TRUST WILL:

- share the cost of establishing cover crops within Metro Vancouver and Abbotsford BC by paying a per-acre rate for cover crops planted under the guidelines of the DFWT Cover Crop Program. Cost-share rates and planting guidelines can be found in the Cover Crop Program Brochure, and cooperators should thoroughly review the cost-share rates for 2023.
- make payment in winter 2023, after all project details have been received with completed information and signatures from the Cooperator, and after DFWT Field Technicians have had the opportunity to verify all the acreage and waterfowl pressure.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM, PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- be a registered landowner on the current Certificate of Title or Deed to the land: or
- be entitled to become the registered landowner on Certificate of Title or Deed to the land under a contract, court order or any other legal instrument; or
- have a valid land rental agreement to manage land for 2023-2025, and acknowledgement from the registered Landowner; or
- be Indigenous (First Nation, Métis Nation, Inuit): a First Nation, Métis Nation or Inuit single person or a First Nation, Métis Nation or Inuit organization managing agricultural land. For example, be a First Nations Peoples in lawful possession of farmland under subsections 20(1), 20(2), or 20(3) of the Indian Act, or be a First Nations Band meeting these preceding conditions with an interest in farmland within the meaning of the Indian Act; and

- have completed an agri-environmental risk assessment such as Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) or demonstrate working towards completing an agri-environmental risk assessment - prior to receiving final stewardship payments.

Based on the above criteria, I am eligible to participate in this program Yes, I am eligible No, I am not eligible

I have a valid Environmental Farm Plan (not required to be eligible for the program) Yes No

Please provide a valid business number (GST/HST). (required) _____

What do you farm? (Primary commodity) _____

The Province of British Columbia supports inclusive and increased representation of target and underrepresented groups. Your personal information is collected under section 26(c) and 26(e) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purposes of planning and evaluating the program. The demographic information you provide is voluntary and will not be used to assess your eligibility for this program. Each individual understands the purposes of the collection, use and disclosure of their demographic personal information. The information you provide will be shared with the federal government to fulfill the provincial obligations under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership bilateral agreement. It may be combined with other survey or administrative data sources and used for statistical, research and evaluation purposes. If any information is published, your responses will be combined with the responses of others so you cannot be identified. If you have any questions about the collection of your information, please contact Christine Schmalz at christine@dfwt.ca.

Please indicate the proportion (% of shares) of the business that is owned by people who identify with each of the following groups. If an individual identifies with more than one group, please count them in each group that they identify with. For any owners who do not identify with any of the groups listed, please count them as 'none of the specified groups'.

Decline to identify.

| | Enter % or zero |
|---|-----------------|
| First Nations (including status and non-status) | |
| Inuk (Inuit) | |
| Métis | |
| Indigenous - None of the above specified groups (ONLY select this option if you are not able, or prefer not to select a specific Indigenous identity. Do not double count with other Indigenous identities listed above.) | |
| Women - Refers to all people, including trans people, who identify as a woman. Note: the terms "woman/women" are related to a person's gender identity, which differs from sex. Gender Identity refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man, woman, or non-binary person. | |
| Youth (40 years of age and under) | |
| Owners who are in none of the above groups (i.e., non-Indigenous, not women, not youth) | |
| Unable to answer | |

Indigenous- Indigeneity in Canada refers to people who are: First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit), and/or Registered or Treaty Indians (that is, registered under the Indian Act of Canada), and/or those who have membership in a First Nation or Indian band. Do not select these options for business owners who identify as Indigenous but not Indigenous to Canada (for example, Ainu, Sámi, or Māori).

What proportion (% of shares) of this business is owned by new entrants into agriculture? New entrants are those who have less than 5 years of agricultural management experience. _____

If you wish to share any comments on the demographics of the business owners, please provide them here. (Optional)

Schedule A.

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| Field | Field # _____ Map # _____ | Field # _____ Map # _____ | Field # _____ Map # _____ | Field # _____ Map # _____ | Field # _____ Map # _____ | Field # _____ Map # _____ | Field # _____ Map # _____ |
| Field Location | Mark field # on appropriate map | Mark field # on appropriate map | Mark field # on appropriate map | Mark field # on appropriate map | Mark field # on appropriate map | Mark field # on appropriate map | Mark field # on appropriate map |
| Cover Crop Seed Mix | | | | | | | |
| Planting Date | | | | | | | |
| Seeding Rate | | | | | | | |
| Seeding Method | | | | | | | |
| Soil Prep Details | | | | | | | |
| Field Size (Ac) | | | | | | | |
| 2023 Harvested Cash Crop | | | | | | | |
| 2024 Anticipated Spring Crop | | | | | | | |
| Leveled within last 2 yrs? | | | | | | | |

** If you have more than 7 cover crop fields for which you are applying to the program, make as many additional copies of the table above as necessary and include them with the application. Please attach a map or satellite image to identify the exact location of each field.

Estimated number of acres of cover crops planned to be planted in 2024: _____

Cooperator's email: _____

Estimated number of acres of cover crops planned to be planted in 2025: _____

Cellphone # _____

Cooperator's Name _____

Business Tel # _____

Business Legal Address _____

Business Fax # _____

Business email if different: _____

Cooperator's Signature

DFWT Signature

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