



Delta Farmland and Wildlife Trust OFFICE USE ONLY Program Year: <b>2025</b> Agreement #: _____	DFWT field Unit(s)	Regional Maps
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***DELTA FARMLAND AND WILDLIFE TRUST  
FIELD MARGIN AGREEMENT***

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**BETWEEN THE COOPERATOR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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 hereinafter as "DFWT").

**WHEREAS:** The Cooperator is the owner or lessee of land and premises situated in Metro Vancouver and Abbotsford, in the province of British Columbia described as:

Parcel(s) Identifier:..... (referred to hereinafter as the "**Lands**")

Planting Date: ..... (referred to hereinafter as the "**Establishment Date**")

**WHEREAS:** The Cooperator has established field margins (referred hereinafter as the "**Field Margin**") on a portion of the Lands shown on the plan attached hereto as Schedule "A" (referred hereinafter as the "**Planted Area**").

**WHEREAS:** the Cooperator recognizes the Field Margin is for the long-term benefit of wildlife habitat conservation and for the non-profit use of farmland. The cooperator and DFWT have agreed to implement and cost-share the establishment and management of a Field Margin in Metro Vancouver and Abbotsford, British Columbia.

**THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1) There shall be no disturbance of the Field Margin without prior notification to the DFWT and with the written permission of the DFWT. The Planted Area may be left in its established state for a period of three (3) years from the "**Establishment Date**" with a possibility of extension if funding allows, save for maintenance as set out in Schedule "B". This is conditional of the field margin being well maintained.
- 2) The DFWT will pay the Cooperator \$650 per acre for the establishment year of this agreement for the farmland that is removed from active agriculture. Payments of \$500 per acre for up to two additional years to maintain the field margin will be paid by DFWT.
- 3) In the event the Cooperator sells the Lands or surrenders the lease of the Lands during the term of this agreement, they shall notify the DFWT and the Cooperator shall inform the purchaser or new lease holder of this agreement and make best effort to have the purchaser or new lease holder of the Lands to extend this agreement. Provided the Cooperator has complied with the previous sentence hereof, they shall have no further obligation or liability pursuant to this agreement after the sale of the Lands or surrendered of the lease on the Lands.
- 4) In the event the Cooperator considers it necessary for the efficiency of the farming business to remove a portion of the Field Margin, they shall notify the DFWT and suggest a replacement site.

- 5) To allow the DFWT to monitor the Field Margin for wildlife use, vegetation growth, and/or soil quality upon notification and permission of the Cooperator.
- 6) DFWT may decline eligibility for the Field Margin Program at any time if vegetation is too sparse.
- 7) In the event that the cooperator does not maintain the field margin by the standards prescribed herein, the DFWT obligations shall cease.
- 8) The field margin must be planted by June 30th to be eligible if this is the first year of the agreement.
- 9) To receive payment, participants must maintain and manage the field margin from April 1 (or the planting date) to March 31. Participants must ensure that top kill, mowing, discing or plough down of the field margin will not occur before this date.
- 10) To receive payment, participants must not mow the field margin until after July 15th of any year covered by this agreement and limit harvest to one cut per year.
- 11) The Cooperator shall indemnify the DFWT and save it harmless from any actions, suits and liabilities arising out of this agreement unless arising from the negligence of the employees and agents of the DFWT or arising from entry to the Lands authorised by the DFWT.
- 12) Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be referred to and finally resolved by Arbitration under the rules of the British Columbia International Arbitration Centre (BCIAC). The appointing authority shall be the BCIAC. The case shall be administered by the BCIAC in accordance with its "procedures for cases under the BCIAC Rules".
- 13) In the unlikely event that DFWT has a lack of funds to continue the program in the following year, DFWT will notify the co-operator before **April 1, 2026** of non-renewal of this agreement. This agreement can be renewed annually for up to two additional years (three years total) providing funding is available. A one-year extension after three years is made at the Program Manager's discretion and is subject to funding availability.

**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS MUST:**

- 1) be a registered landowner on the current Certificate of Title or Deed to the land: or
- 2) 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
- 3) have a valid land rental agreement to manage land for term of the Stewardship Agreement, and acknowledgement from the registered Landowner; or
- 4) be Indigenous (First Nation, Metis Nation, Inuit): a First Nation, Metis Nation or Inuit single person or a First Nation, Metis 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
- 5) 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

Please provide a valid business number (GST/HST). \_\_\_\_\_  
This is a requirement of the program.

Have you completed an agri-environmental risk assessment such as an Environmental Farm Plan?

Yes, I have a valid EFP (a statement of completion from within the past 5 years) from the Canada-BC EFP Program

○ If yes, please provide the statement of completion code here: \_\_\_\_\_

No, I do not have an EFP, but I am willing to complete and submit an alternate agri-environmental risk assessment, and I consent to participating in a one-hour follow-up session with the Ministry of Agriculture, if requested.

No, I do not have an EFP, and I am not willing to complete an alternate agri-environmental risk assessment. I understand this may mean I am not eligible for cost-share.

Cooperator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tel # \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

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

X

Cooperator's Signature

X

DFWT Signature

**Schedule A**  
**PLANTED AREA showing location of FIELD MARGIN**

ADDRESS:

Postal Code:

MAP: (Please attach map with Parcel Identifier of the Lands showing major landmarks and roads)

**The Planted Area in this agreement can be treated as uncultivable land for taxation purposes.**

SUMMARY OF FIELD MARGIN

Length of field margin:

Width of field margin:

Area removed from active agriculture:

Seed mixture planted:

General soil texture of field:

Previous crop grown in field:

Other:

**X**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cooperator's Initials

**Schedule "B"****ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF FIELD MARGIN**

A Field Margin is established between the field boundary (adjacent field, fence, ditch or hedge) and the crop. A Field Margin can benefit farming by harboring beneficial birds, small mammals and insects that predate crop pests and reduce weed infestations into crops. They also provide valuable habitat and connecting corridors for a variety of other wildlife especially when they remain in place for many years.

**Establishment:**

Following consultation with the DFWT, the cooperator will plant where necessary and at their expense, a minimum 1 to 10 meters wide Field Margin with a grass and wildflower mixture at 40-50 lbs. per acre (or as specified by the seed company), plus any recommended nurse crop to assist the establishment of the grass mixture. Following consultation with the DFWT, the cooperator will cut the nurse crop to maximize establishment of the grass mixture in the first year.

**Maintenance:**

In addition to paying \$650/acre/year for land removed from active agriculture for the establishment year of this agreement, the DFWT will pay the Cooperator \$500/acre for the costs of maintaining the Field Margin for an additional 2 years after the establishment year.

In consultation with the DFWT, the Cooperator will perform standard and reasonable management practices for maintenance of the Field Margin including without limitation:

- protection of established Field Margin
- where necessary provide protective fencing of the Field Margin
- weed control during establishment and thereafter when necessary
- cutting of the Field Margin when necessary

**X**

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Cooperator's Initials

**DEMOGRAPHIC DATA COLLECTION SURVEY**

**Respondent Consent**

The Province of British Columbia supports inclusive and increased representation of underrepresented groups. By providing the information below, you are helping to improve the delivery of programming. At this time, the questions focus on three identity groups (Indigenous, women, and youth), and do not cover all potential groups who are underrepresented in the agriculture sector. We plan to expand the focus to other underrepresented groups in future. 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 evaluating applications and for the planning and evaluating of the S-CAP Ministry 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 (S-CAP) 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 that you cannot be identified. If you have any questions about the collection of your information, please contact the Director of Sector Insights and Corporate Initiatives at [alstats@gov.bc.ca](mailto:alstats@gov.bc.ca).

1. Do you agree to respond to questions on the demographics of the business or organization?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I agree. <input type="checkbox"/> No, I do not agree	If yes, proceed to #2 If no, proceed to Schedule A
2. Is the respondent a business owner of either a sole proprietorship or a general partnership? If you are filling out this information on behalf of a business owner or owners of a sole proprietorship or general partnership, please answer 'yes' and seek the response to the following demographic questions from the business owners.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, proceed to #7 If no, proceed to #3
3. Does the applicant's organization have a governing board (for example, a Board of Directors)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, proceed to #4 and #5 If no, proceed to #4 and Schedule A
4. Indicate any of the following groups who are specifically targeted beneficiaries of the project's activities. Select all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous - First Nations (including status and non-status) <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous - Inuk (Inuit) <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous - Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (40 years of age and under) <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above groups	
5. Is the respondent's organization a post-secondary institution, local government, provincial government, or Indigenous governing body (for example, a band or tribal council, government of a self-governing First Nation or Métis Nation Chartered Community)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, proceed to Schedule A If no, proceed to #6 and #7
6. How many members does the organization's governing body have?	_____	

7. Please indicate the number of board members or the proportion (% of shares) of the business that is owned by people who identify with each of the following groups.

**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 if the owner(s) identify as Indigenous but not Indigenous to Canada (for example, Ainu, Sámi, or Māori).

	Number of members	-OR-	Percentage of shares (%)
First Nations (including status and non-status)			
Inuk (Inuit)			
Métis			
Indigenous - not specified			
None of the above (not indigenous to Canada)			
Unable to answer/identify			

**Gender**

Gender refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man, woman or non-binary person.

	Number of members	-OR-	Percentage of shares (%)
Women+			
Men+			
Other			
Unable to answer/identify			

**Age**

	Number of members	-OR-	Percentage of shares (%)
Over 40			
Youth (40 or under)			
Unable to answer/identify			