



Delta Farmland & Wildlife Trust
OFFICE USE ONLY
Program Year: **2026**

Agreement #: _____

DFWT Field Unit(s)

Regional Maps

DELTA FARMLAND & WILDLIFE TRUST
COVER CROP STEWARDSHIP 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 to hereafter as "DFWT").

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 term of the Stewardship Agreement, and acknowledgement from the registered Landowner; or
- 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.

Based on the above criteria, I am eligible to participate in this program.

☐ **Yes**, I am eligible ☐ **No**, I am not eligible

FARM/LAND DISCLOSURE

How much land do you own/farm within Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley?

Own Farm _____ acres Non-Owned Farm _____ acres

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

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.

COVER CROP INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions as accurately as you can. We understand that plans may change between now and when cover crops are seeded but we need this information to the best of your knowledge now to determine cost-share rates. We will ask you for maps and final field specific information later in the season.

What do you farm? (primary commodity):

☐ Field vegetables (e.g. potatoes, carrots, corn, cereals)

☐ Grain and forage

☐ Dairy cattle and milk production

☐ Beef cattle

☐ Poultry

☐ Other food crops grown under cover

☐ Fruit and tree nuts

☐ Other: _____

Are you new to the practice of cover cropping? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Why are you planting cover crops?

☐ To protect soil from wind erosion

☐ To reduce ponding during winter months

☐ To build soil organic matter

☐ To prevent weed establishment

☐ Other: _____

Estimated cover crop acres to be planted: _____

What cover crop species will you plant?: _____

Number of acres to be seeded before Sept. 1st: _____

Number of acres to be seeded after Sept. 1st: _____

Will you harvest your cover crops for feed in the spring?

(if yes, please indicate how many acres will be harvested): _____

Will you plant cover crops next year? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **Unsure**

Estimated number of acres: _____

DFWT shares some of the field data collected during our monitoring programs with funders. Please indicate below if you give permission to include the geographical location of your field with the associated data (typically this would be results from soil sampling). If you do not give consent, the field sampling data will be shared without being connected to a specific geographical location.

Do you consent to DFWT sharing the coordinates of your fields associated with field sampling data with funding agencies: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

☐ I will not receive reimbursement or cost-share funds for the cover crop fields enrolled in the DFWT Cover Crop Program from any other program or agreement, including the Agriculture Wildlife Program.

Cooperator's Name: _____

Tel # _____

Company Name: _____

Cell # _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

I agree to the terms and conditions of the program as stated below and in the program brochure.

X

Cooperator's Signature

X

DFWT Signature

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

WHEREAS: The Cooperator and DFWT have agreed to cost share the establishment of summer or fall seeded cover crops for the purposes of soil conservation and wildlife habitat enhancement in Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, 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.
- maintain and manage the field as a cover crop from the planting date to March 31st of the following year and **ensure that plow down** of the cover crop **does not occur before March 31, 2027**, unless DFWT is advised of and agrees to an earlier plow down date.
- plant cover crops for a three-year period.
- allow DFWT to monitor fields for wildlife use, vegetation growth and/or soil quality from October 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027.
- agree not to receive reimbursement or exchange for rent payment for the cover crop from any other program or agreement.
- 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 Winter Cover Crop Program.

THE DELTA FARMLAND & WILDLIFE TRUST WILL:

- share the cost of establishing cover crops within Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, 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 2026.
- make payment in December 2026, after all project details have been received with completed information and signatures from the Cooperator, and after Field Technicians have had the opportunity to verify all the acreage and waterfowl pressure.

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.

0. Do you agree to respond to questions on the demographics of the business or organization?

- ☐ Yes, I agree. – proceed to question 00.
- ☐ No, I do not agree
- ☐ I have already completed the demographics survey in a previous year

00. Please select your business or organization type

- ☐ Sole proprietorship / General partnership - go to question 2.
- ☐ Public sector body (e.g., post-secondary institution, local or provincial government) / Indigenous governing body (e.g., Band or Tribal Council, government of a self-governing First Nation, or Métis Nation Chartered Community) - go to question 3
- ☐ Any other business or organization type (e.g., corporation, limited partnership, co-operative, non-profit organization) - go to question 1

1. How many members are on the organization's governing body, or how many corporate directors does the business have?

Please enter number.

2. 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			

3. Indicate any of the following groups who are specifically targeted beneficiaries of the project's activities. Select all that apply.

- ☐ Indigenous - First Nations
- ☐ Indigenous - Inuk (Inuit)
(including status and non-status)
- ☐ Indigenous - Métis
- ☐ Women
- ☐ Youth (40 years of age and under)
- ☐ None of the above groups