

New Participant Packages

The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) is making it easier to access the AgriStability Program. A streamlined New Participant Package has been created making the process simpler for joining AgriStability.

A two-page form has been created for producers that have never participated in the AgriStability Program. The information from these two pages will be used to generate an Enrolment/Fee Notice. The new process ensures the producer can quickly enroll, and the additional information required for developing a reference margin will be collected later.

Beginning Farmers

AgriStability is available for beginning farmers. The AgriStability Program considers beginning farmers as those who have farmed for less than three years. If you are a beginning farmer, you are eligible to participate as long as you have had six consecutive months of farming activity and have completed a production cycle in the program year.

These requirements may be waived by SCIC if you were unable to complete them in the program year due to reasons beyond your control, such as disaster circumstances like flooding or drought.

If a participant did not have farming activity and did not report any farming income (or loss) in each of the three years prior to the current program year, SCIC will create margins for these missing years based on the farm's productive capacity in the current program year. Margins will not be created for any reference year in which the participant reported or should have reported farming income (or loss) for income tax purposes, based on the requirement of *The Income Tax Act*. However, if a reference year was the producer's first year of farming and the producer did not complete a production cycle and/or 12 months of farming activity, SCIC may create a margin for the year even where farming income (or loss) was reported for income tax purposes.