

Provincial Nominee Self-Employed Class

Alberta Self-Employed Farmer Stream

Are you a farm owner/operator with proven management skills and the financial resources to develop a sustainable growth-oriented primary production farming business in Alberta, Canada?

The Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program (AINP) can nominate individual farm owner/operators who want to immigrate, purchase and manage a farming business in Alberta.

Self-Employed Farmer Stream criteria

Self-Employed Farmer Stream criteria (includes but is not limited to):

- You must prove that you have **farm management skills** shown by:
 - Financial documentation of your existing farm business
 - Documentation of your education, training and work experience
 - [Proposed business plan](#) for the farming enterprise you are considering in Alberta
 - Proof that a Canadian financial institution is willing to finance your proposed farming business.
- You must have **sufficient financial resources** to develop a sustainable farming operation.
 - You must be able to invest a minimum of CDN \$500,000 of equity in a primary production farming business in Alberta.
 - You must provide documents that demonstrates you have a minimum net worth of CDN \$500,000 or confirmation that you have access to a similar amount of funds from other sources.
 - The CDN \$500,000 is the minimum amount. You may be required to show you have the ability to invest more than the minimum.
- You must **invest in a primary production** farming business in Alberta.
 - You will have to document your investment intentions in your proposed business plan.

Saskatchewan Self Employed Class

The Farm Owner/Operator category is for individuals with proven experience in farming and substantial capital available to invest in a farming operation and who intend to purchase and operate a farming operation in Saskatchewan.

The Young Farmer stream of the Farm Owner/Operator Category is designed to allow young farm families to establish their lives and farming operations in our province's rural areas.

Applicants considering applying under this category are encouraged to contact SINP officials to learn more about the eligibility criteria of the program. SINP officials will also ensure applicants are contacted by officials in Saskatchewan Agriculture--Food and Rural Revitalization who can advise them on the type of farming operation they intend to operate in Saskatchewan.

Eligibility

To be considered for the Farm Owner/Operator category you must meet all of the following four criteria:

1. Available Equity – you must provide financial documents showing a net worth of \$500,000 Canadian Dollars (CAD).
2. Refundable Cash Deposit - you must sign a Performance Agreement committing to purchase a farm operation in Saskatchewan and make a "good faith" deposit of \$75,000 CAD in trust. The cash deposit will be returned to you when the terms of the Performance Agreement are met. The deposit will be forfeited to the Province if the terms are not met within two years of landing in Saskatchewan.
3. Mandatory visit to Saskatchewan – you must have conduct a comprehensive exploratory visit to Saskatchewan of no less than five working days and must meet with an SINP representative.
4. Farm operation knowledge and experience - you must provide documentation (e.g. education and training, work experience, financial documents of their previous operations) that demonstrates that you are a knowledgeable farm operator. If necessary, we may further verify this information through an interview when you are in Saskatchewan.

The farm owner/operator category is restricted to proprietary businesses that include primary agricultural production. Agri-business operations may qualify under the Entrepreneur category of the SINP.

Manitoba Self Employed class

Young Farmer's Program

Farming Practices in Manitoba

As a farmer in Manitoba, you may choose to practice any or a combination of the following: the tillage of soil, livestock raising and exhibiting, maintaining of horses for racing, raising of poultry, fur farming, dairy farming, mushroom and fruit growing and beekeeping. You may also want to consider operating a nursery or a greenhouse, market gardening, fish farming and chick hatchery. There are over 20,000 farms in Manitoba. Approximately 98% of all Manitoba farms are family-operated, and with an average size of 317 hectares of land. Many farm families also engage in off-farm employment for supplementary income.

Manitoba has a total land area of 55.4 million hectares of which 14.6 million hectares (26.5%) have some agricultural use. Over 9.6 million hectares of this area are non-organic soils, and of that 5.5 million hectares are suitable for sustained annual production of cultivated crops. Further opportunity to expand the agricultural land resource base through use of organic soil areas also exists.

Program Eligibility

The Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada share responsibilities for assisting farm business people to immigrate to Manitoba through the Provincial Nominee Program for Young Farmers (PNP-YF).

The Young Farmer Nominee Program allows Manitoba to recruit and nominate qualified farm business people and farm owners from around the world who have the intent and ability to move to Manitoba and establish or purchase a farm or become partners in an existing farm business.

To qualify under the program applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have a minimum personal net worth of CDN\$150,000 (after relocating to Manitoba)
- Make a minimum amount of equity investment of CDN\$150,000 in Manitoba
- Principal applicant must be under 40 years of age.
- Have a minimum of three (3) years of farm ownership experience, or three (3) years farm management background.
- Principal applicant (and/or spouse) has marketable skills that would supplement farm income.
- Have conducted a visit to Manitoba for a minimum of seven (7) days to investigate farming opportunities and Manitoba's quality of life prior to applying.

The applicant must also be prepared to:

- Conduct an **Exploratory Visit** to Manitoba to be able to provide documented assessment of farm business opportunities in Manitoba and general knowledge of the province.
Make an [Eligible Business Investment](#) in Manitoba
- Reside in Manitoba along with their dependent family members
- Able to demonstrate that the combination of farm income and off-farm supplementary income will provide a family after tax income, in excess of \$35,000.00 per year.

If your application for nomination is approved by Manitoba, you will be required to make a CDN\$75,000 [Deposit](#) to the Government of Manitoba, guaranteeing that you will live in Manitoba and start or purchase a farm in Manitoba within two years of obtaining your permanent resident visa and landing in Manitoba. The deposit will be refunded without interest to you when the farm investment described in your application is made, your farm is operational and you are living in Manitoba.

If you are accepted for nomination by Manitoba, you will be provided with a *Certificate of Nomination* and instructions on how to submit the appropriate documents and federal processing fees to a Canadian Immigration visa office that services your area.

A decent standard of living for an average farm family of four will be expected to equal or exceed a minimum of \$35,000 per year. This minimum family living expense can be earned either through farm income, or a combination of farm income and off-farm income.