

Pasture Association Policy Agricultural Crown Land

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A. Purpose

The purpose is to provide policy direction to pasture associations, including grazing co-ops, former Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) pastures and former Saskatchewan Pastures Program (SPP) pastures.

B. Application

This policy applies to leases operated by a group of pasture users as a cooperative, corporation, or some other legal entity, including those formerly operated as PFRA community pastures and SPP pastures.

C. Eligibility

1. Associations must:
 - Require a minimum of three members per association with a carrying capacity greater than 1500 animal unit months.
 - be 100 per cent Canadian-owned and not publicly traded (corporations and membership-based organizations only);
 - be registered and in active status with Information Services Corporation Corporate Registry (corporations and membership-based organizations only);
 - have any existing accounts with the Ministry of Agriculture (ministry) in an acceptable status;
 - have legal access to the leased land or written agreements for crossing any adjacent lands;
 - complete the required application form and submit any supporting documentation that the Ministry requests; and
 - have a registered Saskatchewan Premise Identification Number.
2. Applicants for grazing allocation within a pasture association must:
 - be at least 18 years of age;
 - actively manage and operate the farm (as evidenced by a Statement of Farming Income and Expenses (Form T2042) and/or invoices and receipts in the name of the applicant or such other evidence as the minister deems satisfactory);
 - be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
 - be 100 per cent Canadian-owned and not publicly traded (corporations and membership-based organizations only);
 - own the cattle they graze in the association (as evidenced by a mark (brand) registered to that person under *The Animal Identification Act*);

- have any existing accounts with the ministry in an acceptable status;
- complete the required application form and submit any supporting documentation that the Ministry requests; and
- have a registered Saskatchewan Premises Identification Number.

D. Lease terms

Leases with pasture associations will be for a term of up to 33 years.

E. Process

1. Allocation of grazing
 - Applications for Agricultural Lease Forms are available from Regional Offices or saskatchewan.ca/crownlands.
 - Each application will be reviewed by the ministry and all applicants will be advised on the status of their applications. The association will also be notified.
 - Associations are responsible for selecting qualified applicants, approved by the ministry, to fill vacancies within their pastures.
 - Associations may allocate extra space to existing members who do not exceed the limit for grazing allocations.
 - The association will be responsible to report changes of eligibility of members to the Lands Branch.
2. Issuing a new lease to an existing lessee
 - An association may receive a new lease where the association meets the conditions of the Lease Policy.
 - Associations requesting a new lease must have their organization registered with Information Services Corporation (ISC). Associations not registered with ISC will not receive a new lease and their existing lease may be subject to cancellation.
3. Sale of land
 - Land may be sold to existing associations where the lands are eligible for sale under the Sale to Lessees Policy.
 - The sale will be to the association only and must be consistent with association bylaws, with the exception of head-quarter sales to the Pasture Manager as outlined in the Community Pasture Transition Policy.

F. Reporting

The following reports will be required to be submitted by December 31st annually:

- Detailed grazing report;
- Invasive species report;
- List of members;
- Livestock grazing allocations;

- Schedule of maintenance and additions to infrastructure (Improvement Maintenance Form); and
- Hunting contact and access form.

G. Monitoring

1. Utilization and/or range health surveys may be conducted at any time during the grazing season to monitor stocking and management of the pasture.
2. Ministry staff may enter onto the pasture at any time to monitor the maintenance of improvements, compliance with lease conditions, and appropriate management of the pasture.

H. Headquarters: wintering of livestock

1. Bulls owned by the association and members of the association can be overwintered on the headquarters.
2. Pasture manager-owned livestock can be overwintered on the headquarters with the consent of the association and is not to exceed the maximum outlined in this policy.
3. The consent of the ministry is required to overwinter any other livestock on the leased lands.

I. General

1. Long-term grazing allocations are limited to a maximum of 120 head of cattle or 250 sheep per individual in each pasture association.
2. An individual may hold more than one allocation in association pastures provided they are on different pastures.
3. The pasture association must have a registered Saskatchewan Premises Identification Number registered as a commingling site.
4. An association may apply to have the maximum allocation increased above 120 head of cattle or 250 sheep per individual for a three-year period where an association has:
 - Insufficient demand on an ongoing basis;
 - Made reasonable attempts to attract new members;
 - Each individual in the association is at the allocation maximum, or their requested allocation; and
 - All eligible new applicants have been accepted.

Allocations exceeding these maximum's per individual will be reviewed by the ministry after three years and may be adjusted based on demand.

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