

# 2024 Crown Grazing Lease Rental Reduction Program FAQ

## 1. Who is eligible to apply?

- Agricultural Crown land lessees who have reduced the stocking rate on their grazing lease land by a **minimum** of 20 per cent or more below the rated carrying capacity of their lease during the 2024 grazing season due to the ongoing drought conditions.
- Eligible applicants may be subject to an audit.

## 2. If I reduce my stocking rate by less than 20 per cent, do I qualify for a rent reduction?

- No, lessees are expected to manage small adjustments in stocking rates as conditions change within the growing season. For this initiative, the stocking rate must have been reduced by a minimum of 20 per cent.
- Best management practices are encouraged to ensure long-term sustainability of the land.

## 3. What if I have been grazing over my rated animal unit months (AUMs) for the lease?

- We will not go back to previous years to charge more rent. Your reduction must be more than 20 per cent below the rated carrying capacity of the lease, not your stocking rate.

## 4. Will my lease AUMs be increased because of this program if I report a higher stocking rate?

- If the land management specialist determines there is an error in the rated AUMs, an inspection may be completed. If an inspection occurs, you will be notified.

## 5. When is the application deadline?

- October 31, 2024.

## 6. What if I miss the application deadline?

- If you have extenuating circumstances preventing you from meeting the deadline, please contact your district land management specialist.

## 7. Does this program cover the purchase of additional feed to supplement the reduction in grazing?

- No, feed is not covered.

## 8. How will I receive payment?

- The rental reduction will be applied as a credit to your lease account.

## 9. Is there a form I need to complete, or can I just tell my district LMS how many cows grazed?

- The application must be completed and submitted for approval.

**10. How do I apply?**

- Applications can be accessed on the [ministry website](#) or by calling the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377.

**11. How is the rental reduction determined?**

- The rental credit will be calculated by comparing the total AUM rating of your lease to the declared actual stocking rate information from the application.

**12. What if I reduced my stocking rate due to drought in previous years?**

- The program was developed because of the ongoing dry condition and rental credits will not be applied retroactively to previous years.

**13. Will I get a credit in 2025 if I have to reduce my stocking rate next year?**

- No, this program is only for the 2024 grazing season. Only reduced stocking rates made in 2024 will be eligible for credit.