

Agricultural Crown Land Lease Auction Sales Fact Sheet

The Ministry of Agriculture will allocate eligible vacant agricultural Crown land to the highest eligible bidder using an auction process. You are bidding on the right to obtain the lease and your bid does not include annual lease rental fees and applicable taxes.

Eligibility

Bidders must:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Actively manage the leased lands for agricultural purposes;
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- Meet all requirements set out under *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*;
- Have legal access to the leased land or written agreements for crossing any adjacent lands;
- 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
- In the case of a grazing lease, have or will obtain a Premises Identification Number.

General Facts

Access

For lands that do not have legal and/or physical access, the successful bidder must provide written proof of access for crossing adjacent lands.

Improvements

The successful bid will include the purchase of any improvements (i.e. fence, dugout, corral) that are located on the lease.

Lease Term

Leases may be allocated for a term of up to 33 years. Shorter lease terms will be indicated in each auction lot listing.

Annual Lease Rent

The successful bidder will be responsible for paying the annual lease rental, as set out in *The Provincial Lands (Agriculture) Regulations*. Yearly lease rentals are billed on October 1 of each year.

Property Taxes

Rural Municipality (RM) property tax is the responsibility of the successful bidder. RM taxes will be billed on an annual basis directly to the agricultural lessee by the RM.

Premises Identification Number

PID numbers are required for producers or business owners who own, lease or rent property where livestock and poultry are grown, bred, kept, raised, displayed, assembled or disposed of. A PID number is not required at the time of bidding. Successful bidders who own livestock but who do not have a PID number and meet all other eligibility requirements will be allowed two business days to obtain a PID number. Successful bidders who do not currently have livestock will enter into a Lease Utilization Plan requiring the bidder to purchase sufficient numbers of livestock to adequately utilize the land within 3 to 5 years. Failure to meet the conditions outlined in the Lease Utilization Plan will result in cancellation.

McDougall Auctioneers Ltd. Buyer's Fee

Buyer must pay \$750 CAD plus applicable taxes per lot directly to the auctioneer.

Successful Bidders

A payment statement will be sent to the high bidder. McDougall Auctioneers Ltd. will contact the high bidder to complete the lease. The high bidder must have their name on the lease. Eligible co-applicant(s) can be added at the time of document completion. The Ministry of Agriculture will finalize the lease agreement.

Payment Options

Payment can be made by certified cheque, bank draft, online banking or direct deposit within five business days of being declared the high bidder.

Leased Crown Land

After the auction has closed, a leased banner will be posted with the lease allocation sale price.

Unleased Crown Land

Land that does not get allocated in the auction may be listed for a one-year rental permit.

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