

Agricultural Crown Land Lease Allocation

The Ministry of Agriculture allocates eligible agricultural Crown land, including expired leases, through online allocation events held on a regular basis as land becomes available.

Eligible applicants can participate by submitting bids for the right to obtain a lease, with the lease being awarded to the highest bidder.

Eligibility

Bidders must:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Actively manage the leased lands for agricultural purposes;
- Meet all the requirements in [The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act](#);
- Have legal access to the permitted land or written agreement for crossing adjacent lands;
- Have any existing accounts with the Ministry of Agriculture in an acceptable status;
- Corporations and co-operatives must be registered and in active status with Information Services Corporation (ISC) Corporate Registry;
- Complete the required application form and submit any supporting documentation that the Ministry of Agriculture requests; and
- In case of a grazing or hay permit, have or will obtain a [Saskatchewan Premises Identification Number \(PID\)](#).

General Facts

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. Specific lease terms will be indicated in each allocation lot listing. Leases may be eligible for renewal upon expiration, provided all terms and conditions of the lease agreement have been met.

Bidders are strongly recommended to contact the [local land management specialist](#) listed in each allocation lot to understand the characteristics of the land and lease terms and conditions.

Annual Lease Rent

The successful bidder is responsible for paying the annual lease rental in accordance with *The Provincial Lands (Agriculture) Regulations*. Lease rentals are billed annually in the fall. Depending on when the lease is issued, the successful bidder may be responsible for the current year's lease rent and property taxes or those for the following year. Where a lease takes effect the following year, the successful bidder is not responsible for the current year's lease rent or property taxes and may not access the land until the lease takes effect.

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)

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, 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 use the land within three to five years. Failure to meet the conditions outlined in the Lease Utilization Plan will result in cancellation.

McDougall Auctioneers Ltd. Buyer's Fee

Successful bidder must pay \$1,250 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 Ministry of Agriculture will finalize the lease agreement.

Payment Options

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

Available Land to Permit



Unleased Crown Land

Lands that are not leased in an allocation event may be advertised in other allocations events or for short-term permit. Available land will be listed on saskatchewan.ca or can be accessed by scanning the QR code.

For more information, contact:

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