



## Stream-Specific Eligibility Criteria

In addition to the Enhanced Replant Program (ERP) program-wide eligibility criteria listed in the Enhanced Replant Program Guide 2024/25, applicants are also responsible for meeting the stream-specific eligibility criteria detailed below.

### APPENDIX 1: STREAM 1 TREE FRUIT REPLANT

ERP Stream 1: Tree Fruit Replant includes existing cherry, pome fruit (apple, pear), and stone fruit (apricot, nectarine, peach, plum) growers in British Columbia.

#### Cherry Replant Eligibility Criteria

Replant funding is for tree fruit or wine grape producers who are replacing existing acreage with new cherry orchards. In addition to the program-wide eligibility criteria, the following applies to all cherry replant projects.

#### Eligible Applicants

- The applicant is a tree fruit<sup>1</sup> or wine grape producer replacing existing acreage with new cherry orchards.
- For all non-self-fertile varieties, the applicant must have a pollination plan, indicate the pollinizer varieties being planted and the proposed hive rental.
- The applicant must have a soil nutrient test from the field site within the last 3 years.
- The applicant must show proof of payment of royalties to Summerland Varieties Corporation for all orchard trees being replanted where applicable.

#### Ineligible Activities

- Replanting tree fruits with wine grapes is ineligible.

#### Variety Eligibility

- Planting of the varieties Lambert, Bing, and Van is not widely recommended and require justification found in the marketing and sales section of the business plan before being approved for replant funding.
- Applications including Lambert, Bing, and Van may require additional time for adjudication and risk not being funded due to other varieties processed faster.

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<sup>1</sup> Existing tree fruit producers include those currently growing cherries, pome fruit (apple, pear), and other stone fruits (apricot, nectarine, peach, and plum).

### Planting Density Eligibility

- Standard planting density of 340 to 450 plants/acre.
- High-density plantings: If planting exceeds 340 to 450 plants/acre, verification from an Accredited Professional may be required from the applicant, to verify the planting density and horticultural practices proposed by the producer.

### Pome Fruit Replant Eligibility Criteria

Replant funding is for tree fruit or wine grape producers who are replacing existing acreage with new apple and pear orchards. In addition to the program-wide eligibility criteria, the following applies to all apple and pear replant projects.

#### Eligible Applicants

- The applicant is a tree fruit<sup>2</sup> or wine grape producer replacing existing acreage with new apple or pear orchards.
- The applicant must have a pollination plan, indicate the pollinizer varieties being planted and the proposed hive rental.
- The applicant must have a soil nutrient test from the field site within the last 3 years.
- The applicant must show proof of payment of royalties to Summerland Varieties Corporation for all orchard trees being replanted where applicable.

#### Ineligible Activities

- Replanting tree fruits with wine grapes is ineligible.

#### Variety Eligibility

- Planting of the varieties Spartan, Red Delicious, low-colour strains of Gala (Royal Gala) and low-colour strains of McIntosh is not widely recommended and require justification found in the marketing and sales section of the business plan before being approved for replant funding.
- Applications that include Spartan, Red Delicious, low-colour strains of Gala (Royal Gala) and low-colour strains of McIntosh may require additional time for adjudication and risk not being funded due to other varieties processed faster.

### Planting Density Eligibility

- Standard planting density for Apples is 1800 to 2500 plants/acre; Pears is 340 to 450 plants/acre.
- Apple high-density plantings: If planting exceeds 1800 to 2500 plants/acre, verification from an Accredited Professional may be required from the applicant, to verify the planting density and horticultural practices proposed by the producer.

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<sup>2</sup> Existing tree fruit producers include those currently growing cherries, pome fruit (apple, pear), and other stone fruits (apricot, nectarine, peach, and plum).

- Pear high-density plantings: If planting exceeds 340 to 450 plants/acre, verification from an Accredited Professional may be required from the applicant, to verify the planting density and horticultural practices proposed by the producer.

### **Other Stone Fruit Replant Eligibility Criteria**

Replant funding is for tree fruit or wine grape producers who are replacing existing acreage with new apricot, nectarine, peach, and plum orchards. In addition to the program-wide eligibility criteria, the following applies to all apricot, nectarine, peach, and plum replant projects.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- The applicant is a tree fruit or wine grape producer replacing existing acreage with new apricot, nectarine, peach, or plum orchards.
- The applicant must have a pollination plan and indicate the number of proposed hive rentals.
- The applicant must have a soil nutrient test from the field site within the last 3 years.
- The applicant must show proof of payment of royalties to Summerland Varieties Corporation for all orchard trees being replanted where applicable.

#### **Ineligible Activities**

- Replanting tree fruits with wine grapes is ineligible.

#### **Planting Density Eligibility**

- Standard planting density of 340 to 450 plants/acre.
- High-density plantings are also eligible. If planting exceeds 250 to 450 plants/acre, the application should be reviewed by a Professional Agrologist (PAg) to verify the planting density and horticultural practices proposed by the producer.

### **RESOURCES**

- [Business Planning Resources \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/business-planning-resources)
- [Writing a Business Plan Checklist \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/writing-a-business-plan-checklist)
- [Best Practices for Replanting Tree Fruits \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/best-practices-for-replanting-tree-fruits)