



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 3: STREAM 3 BERRY REPLANT

Enhanced Replant Program (ERP) Stream 3: Berry Replant includes existing blueberry, cranberry and raspberry growers in British Columbia.

Raspberry Replant Eligibility Criteria

Replant funding is for blueberry or raspberry producers who are replacing existing acreage with new raspberry plantings. Raspberry producers will **not** be eligible for funding to remove raspberries and plant blueberries. In addition to the program-wide eligibility criteria, the following applies to all raspberry replant projects.

Eligible Applicants

- The applicant must be an existing raspberry grower in the province of British Columbia.
- The applicant must have a valid third-party food safety certificate within the past 2 years prior to applying.
- The applicant must be in good standing with the BC Raspberry Industry Development Council with all levies paid on fresh and processed raspberry production from the previous year.
- The applicant must have a pollination plan and indicate the number of proposed hive rentals.
- The applicant must have a soil test from the field site within the last 12 months, provide the soil pH from the test report, and confirm if the soil will be amended to adjust the pH before planting.

Variety Eligibility

- Planting of the varieties Meeker and Cascade Bounty is ineligible for cost-sharing.
- Planting Wake™Haven or Wake™Field 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 Wake™Haven or Wake™Field may require additional time for adjudication and risk not being funded due to other varieties processed faster.

Planting Density Eligibility

- Standard planting density of 1800 to 2200 plants/acre.
- High-density plantings: If planting exceeds 1800 to 2200 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.

Blueberry Replant Eligibility Criteria

In addition to the Enhanced Replant Program (ERP) program-wide eligibility criteria, the following applies to all blueberry replant projects.

Eligible Applicants

- The applicant must be an existing blueberry grower in the province of British Columbia.
- The applicant must be in good standing with the BC Blueberry Council with all levies paid on fresh and processed blueberry production from the previous year.
- An applicant can only apply for the removal stream or the replant stream, not both.
- The applicant must have a valid third-party audited food safety certificate within the past 2 years prior to applying.
- The applicant must plan to implement best management practices to protect the new planting from Blueberry Scorch Virus.
- The applicant must have a pollination plan and indicate the number of proposed hive rentals.
- The applicant must have a soil test from the field site within the last 12 months, provide the soil pH from the test report, and indicate whether the soil will be amended to adjust the pH before planting.

Variety Eligibility

- Planting of the Elliot cultivar is ineligible for cost-sharing.
- Planting of the Duke cultivar 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 Duke may require additional time for adjudication and risk not being funded due to other varieties processed faster.

Planting Density

- Standard planting density of 1400 to 2000 plants/acre.
High-density plantings: If planting is outside of a 1400 to 2000 plants/acre range, verification from an Accredited Professional may be required from the applicant, to verify the planting density and horticultural practices proposed by the producer.

RESOURCES

- [Business Planning Resources \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/agriculture/industry/businessplanning/)
- [Writing a Business Plan Checklist \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/agriculture/industry/businessplanning/writing-a-business-plan-checklist/)
- [Best Practices for Replanting Raspberries \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/agriculture/industry/best-practices-replanting-raspberries/)
- [Best Practices for Replanting Blueberries \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/agriculture/industry/best-practices-replanting-blueberries/)