

Enhanced Replant Program

Stream 1: Tree Fruit Replant | Stream Guide 2026/27



The Enhanced Replant Program (ERP), funded through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, provides support to help wine grape, berry, and tree fruit producers replace existing acreage with climate-resilient varieties that produce in-demand, premium fruit.

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Program Overview

The Enhanced Replant Program seeks to increase the competitiveness and resiliency of the BC agri-food economy in domestic and global markets by providing direct funding support to producers looking to replace damaged, diseased and low-producing vines, plants and trees with climate-resilient varieties that produce in-demand, premium fruit.

Producers can access support for replant or removal activities through four funding streams. Separate application forms are required for each stream, and only one ERP application (regardless of stream) can be submitted per farm each fiscal year.

ERP is for *Existing* Producers!

Funding Stream	Eligible Participants
Stream 1: Tree Fruit Replant	Existing cherry, pome fruit (apple, pear), and stone fruit (apricot, nectarine, peach, plum) growers replanting their fields.
Stream 2: Wine Grape Replant	Existing wine grape growers replanting their fields.
Stream 3: Berry Replant	Existing blueberry and raspberry growers replanting their fields.
Stream 4: Berry Removal / Renewal	Existing blueberry growers removing and not replanting their fields. Existing cranberry growers renewing their fields.

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Eligibility Criteria

All ERP applicants must meet the program-wide ERP eligibility criteria **AND** stream-specific eligibility criteria. This section outlines the eligibility criteria all applicants must meet. Stream-specific eligibility criteria is found in the next section. Applicants are responsible for reviewing and understanding both program-wide and stream-specific eligibility criteria before submitting their application.

ERP Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Applicants

- Be an existing blueberry, cranberry, raspberry, tree fruit¹, or wine grape grower in British Columbia, farming over 2.47 acres (1 hectare) of perennial crops.
 - Existing blueberry or cranberry growers are exclusively eligible for Stream 4: Berry Removal / Renewal.
- Be the owner or lessee of the land.
- Indicate if they have been paid a Production Insurance Plant Loss Claim from January 1, 2023, onwards or have a Plant Loss Claim in progress for the field/block being replanted.
- Can demonstrate financial viability to complete and maintain a project.
- Be in good standing with council(s) or commission identified by the corresponding industry association (see stream-specific criteria).
- Maintain the property as a commercial operation for at least four (4) years after replanting.

Eligible Activities and Expenditures

- Plant costs: provided planting takes place after application approval and plants have not been funded through other programs.
 - Nursery Stock: plant costs and one-time licensing/plant royalty fees.
 - Home nursery stock: one-time licensing/plant royalty fees, rootstock, and scion.
- Planting multiple varieties of the same commodity² on a minimum of half (0.5) of a contiguous acre.

Project Requirements

- The replant site must be in British Columbia.
- Each field being replanted must cover a minimum half (0.5) a contiguous acre. Please refer to page 8 for more information on this requirement.
 - The 0.5-acre minimum may consist of:
 - one continuous planted area of at least 0.5 acre; or

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

² Different stone fruits (apricot, nectarine, peach, and plum) count as a single commodity to meet the minimum 0.5 contiguous acre requirement. (i.e. 0.25 acre apricot contiguous with 0.25 acre nectarine meets this requirement).

- multiple adjoining planted areas that together total at least 0.5 acre, on the same PID.
- Based on current projections, the replant site is commercially viable (i.e. will generate a positive return) at full production (confirm at time of application).
- For each replanted site, applicants must be a licensed water user, be within an irrigation district, or have submitted a water use license application prior to applying.
 - Audited applicants must provide proof (e.g., water bill or license).
- Irrigation systems must be installed at planting.³

Ineligible Applicants

- Annual crop producers, forage producers, non-commercial producers, and farmland outside of BC.
- Sectors that do not have an opportunity assessment completed and pre-approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- Producers that do not meet sector-specific criteria (Appendices)
- Producers with active Plant Loss Claims are not eligible for Stream 4: Berry Removal/Renewal
- Applicants with an active project with the Perennial Crop Renewal Program (PCRP) (2023-2025) are **not** eligible to apply for ERP.

Ineligible Activities and Expenditures

- Fields replanted that do not meet the contiguous 0.5 acre minimum
 - These include but are not limited to;
 - Fields in different locations with different PID's
 - Separated planting areas on the same PID that do not touch
 - Planting areas separated by a paved road or highway
- Interplanting in existing orchards or vineyards (planting young plants between each existing plant in the row).
- New plantings (including farm expansions and the establishment of crops on bare land or land previously utilized for non-perennial crops or non-food perennial crops).
- Home nurseries: the cost of growing plants (including labour, maintenance, and other production inputs).
- Good and Services Tax (GST).
- In-kind expenses.
- Taxes and duty or shipping costs.
- Other planting or removal costs including but not limited to: rental of equipment, purchase of posts and wire, labour etc.
- Ongoing annual royalty payments (per acre, per linear foot, or per fruit sold).

³ Vancouver Island Wine Grape growers are exempt from the requirement to have an irrigation system installed at planting.

- Ineligible commodity-specific criteria as outlined in the sector-specific planting/removal guidelines.

Stream 1 Specific Eligibility Criteria

Stream 1 is open to existing tree fruit or wine grape producer's replanting their fields in British Columbia. Existing tree fruit producers include those currently growing cherries, pome fruit (apple, pear) and other stone fruits (apricot, nectarine, peach, and plum).

Cherry Replant Eligibility Criteria

Cherry replant funding is for tree fruit or wine grape producers replacing existing acreage with new cherry orchards.

Eligible Applicants

- Tree fruit or wine grape producer replacing existing acreage with new cherry orchards.
- For all non-self-fertile varieties, must have a pollination plan, indicate the pollinizer varieties being planted and the proposed hive rental.
- Have a soil nutrient test from the field site(s) within the last 3 years.
- Must show proof of payment of royalties to Summerland Varieties Corporation for all orchard trees being replanted where applicable. To be completed during the reporting stage if required.

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 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.

Planting Density Guidelines

- Standard planting density of 340 to 450 plants/acre.
- High-density plantings: If planting is outside of a 340 to 450 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.

Pome Fruit Replant Eligibility Criteria

Pome fruit replant funding is for tree fruit or wine grape producers replacing existing acreage with new apple and pear orchards.

Eligible Applicants

- The applicant is a tree fruit 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. To be completed during the reporting stage if required.

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 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 variety applications being processed faster.

Planting Density Guidelines

- Standard planting density for Apples is 1,000 to 2,500 plants/acre; Pears is 340 to 450 plants/acre.
- Apple high-density plantings: If planting is outside of a 1,000 to 2,500 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.
- Pear high-density plantings: If planting is outside of a 340 to 450 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.

Other Stone Fruit Replant Eligibility Criteria

Other stone fruit replant funding is for tree fruit or wine grape producers who are replacing existing acreage with new apricot, nectarine, peach, and plum orchards.

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(s) 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. To be completed during the reporting stage if required.

Ineligible Activities

- Replanting tree fruits with wine grapes is ineligible.

Planting Density Guidelines

- Standard planting density of 250 to 450 plants/acre.
- High-density plantings are also eligible. If planting is outside of a 250 to 450 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.

Stream 1: Tree Fruit Replant Project Details

Replant Acres

Each farm operation can apply for a minimum of half (0.5) a contiguous acre per project up to a maximum of 20 acres or 15% of existing perennial food crop acreage (leased and owned), whichever is greater.

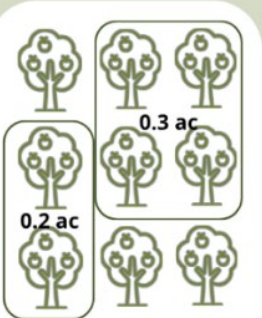
All acres must be contiguous.



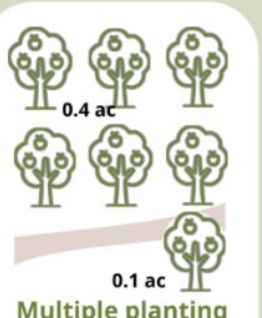
Eligible



One planting area at least 0.5 acres



Multiple joined planting areas totaling at least 0.5 acres



Multiple planting areas totaling at least 0.5 acres separated by small dirt road or path

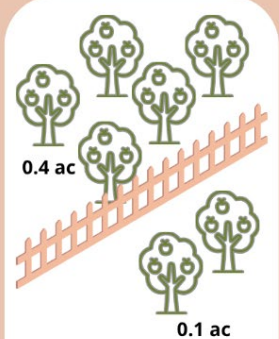
Min: half (0.5) contiguous acre

Max: 20 acres or 15% of existing acreage, whichever is greater

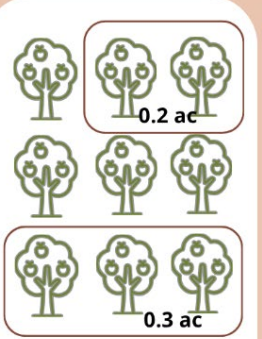


Not Eligible

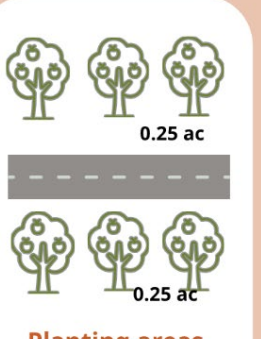
All of these examples are .5 acres, but not contiguous



Fields in different locations - different PIDs



Separated planting areas on same PID



Planting areas separated by a paved road or highway

If the acres you want to replant are in different locations (i.e. have different PIDs), are separate planting areas in the same location or are separated by a paved road or highway you are not eligible to apply for those acres in one application.

Funding Details

The total funding available for each farm operation over the duration of the program (starting November 1, 2024) is capped at a maximum of \$750,000.

Retroactive costs are eligible for ERP, provided the replant costs were made on or after September 1, 2024, and/or not claimed through another program.

Fields <i>without</i> Production Insurance Plant Loss Claim	Fields <i>with</i> Production Insurance Plant Loss Claim
Nursery stock⁴: Cost-shared 50% plant purchase and one-time licensing/plant royalty fees OR Home nurseries: Cost-shared 100% one-time licensing/royalty fees, rootstock, and scion	Nursery stock: Cost-shared up to 25% plant purchase and one-time licensing/royalty fees OR Home nurseries: Cost-shared up to 25% one-time licensing/royalist fees, rootstock, and scion

Applicants with a Plant Loss Claim

All applicants are required to indicate if they have been paid a Production Insurance Plant Loss Claim from January 1, 2023 onward or have a Plant Loss Claim in progress for the field/block being replanted. Cost-share ratios for applicants will be adjusted based on Business Risk Management Program claims at each planting location.

Fields or acres that production insurance has **NOT PAID** a Plant Loss Claim, or no active Plant Loss Claim is under consideration:

- **Nursery Stock:** Applicants will receive a 50% cost-share (reimbursement) for nursery plants and one-time plant royalty and/or licensing fee(s), when purchased from a commercial nursery.
- **Home Nurseries:** Applicants will receive a 100% cost-share (reimbursement) for one-time plant royalty and/or licensing fee(s), rootstock, and scion sourced from home nurseries (all other costs including maintenance fees are not eligible).

Field or acres that production insurance has **PAID** a Plant Loss Claim (from January 1, 2023 onwards), or an active Plant Loss Claim is under consideration for the field/acre being replanted:

⁴ Producer-to-producer sales (including rootstock, scion and plants, whether originally sourced from a commercial nursery and/or grown at a home nursery) are eligible under ERP, and will be cost-shared at 50%, or 25% if replanted on a site with an active or recent Plant Loss Claim. Consult Eligible Invoices for Cost-Shared Funding, pg. 15.

- **Nursery Stock:** Applicants will receive a 25% cost-share (reimbursement) for nursery plants and one-time plant royalty and/or licensing fee(s), when purchased from a commercial nursery.
- **Home Nurseries:** Applicants will receive a 25% cost-share (reimbursement) for one-time plant royalty and/or licensing fee(s), rootstock, and scion for home nursery stock (all other costs including maintenance fees are not eligible).

Applicants who indicate they are enrolled in Production Insurance will have their information (including Production Insurance Policy Number, Physical Address of planting/removal location and Land Titles Parcel Identification (PID) number) sent to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Business Risk Management Branch to verify claim status.

What's a cost-shared ratio?

The cost-sharing ratio represents the proportion of eligible Total Project Costs contributed by both the applicant and the funder. For the Enhanced Replant Program, the cost-shared ratio depends on whether the applicant has been paid a Production Insurance Plant Loss Claim or has a Plant Loss Claim in progress for each field being replanted.

Project Length

Successful Stream 1 applicants will have **up to 24 months** from the time of approval to complete their project.



Application Information

Applications for Stream 1: Tree Fruit Replant will open on **October 13, 2026**, with submissions accepted on October 27, 2026, at 9:00am Pacific.

We encourage you to use those two weeks between October 13 to 27 to draft your application and ensure you have all the necessary information and documents ready and uploaded prior to submissions opening.

Applications Open	Submissions Open	Applications Close
October 13, 2026, at 9am PT	October 27, 2026, at 9am PT	November 10, 2026, at 4pm PT

Application Process

Applications are accepted through the IAF Client Portal. Only one application per fiscal year, regardless of stream, can be submitted per farm operation.

How to Apply

Create an Account & Organization Registration

- [Go to IAF's Client Portal.](#)
- Create a personal profile (name and email).
- Provide your organization's information.
- IAF will validate your account, then you will receive an email granting you access to the portal.
Please note this can take up to two business days.

Apply for Funding

Select the Enhanced Replant Program from Opportunities, and provide:

- Additional applicant information, including commodity type
- Parcel Identification Number PID and civic address for each planting site
- Planting proposal, including field size (acres), variety, planting density, site map etc.
- Total Plant Cost (if applicable) and Funding Request
- All applicants are required to complete and submit an AF Demographic Survey with their ERP application; Confirmation ID numbers are submitted with each ERP application.
- Participants of the Business Risk Management (BRM) program, will also be asked to provide:
 - Production Insurance Policy Number, physical address and row identification of the planting that is being replanted; and the Land Titles Parcel Identification (PID) number.
[How to Find the BC Land Titles Parcel ID \(PID\) Using a Civic Address.](#)
 - Any payments received for Production Insurance plant loss claim from January 1, 2023 onwards or if a plant loss claim is in progress for the field/block being replanted.
 - AgriStability Participant Identification Number, if enrolled.
- Supporting documents (i.e. confirmed plant order). These documents can be uploaded through the IAF Client Portal as attachments to the application.

- A confirmed plant order is an order which has been secured by a payment to the vendor, either in the form of a partial deposit or full payment for the order. Orders which say “Confirmation,” but also state in their Terms and Conditions that a deposit is needed to secure the order, will **not be considered** confirmed for the purpose of ERP eligibility, unless these unsecured orders are accompanied by proof of payment documents for the deposits requested by the vendor on the order form.

Applicants are encouraged to include only activities they are confident will be completed on time and within budget limits.

Note: Applying to the program is not a guarantee of funding. Applications that are incomplete or do not meet eligibility criteria will not fulfill the program's requirements and may adversely affect your funding decision.

Have a Question?

If you have any questions about your application, program eligibility, required documents, etc. IAF encourages you to reach out to erp@iafbc.ca. You can also book a 10-minute phone consult with an IAF staff member once the stream applications are open. Prior to booking an appointment, you must start your draft application and provide the ID number (ERP-202425-0####). This gives you and the IAF staff member a specific application to reference and provide support for during the 10-minute phone call. Applicants are limited to one phone call appointment currently. Visit www.iafbc.ca/erp/ for more information.

Application Review & Adjudication

Prior to funding decisions being made, project applications are screened and reviewed by IAF and may be reviewed by a technical expert. IAF may contact applicants for additional information or clarification to assess their application. The application review process will include:

- Ensuring application completeness.
- Organization/Applicant eligibility check.
- Project eligibility check.

Application Audit

Upon successful completion of review by IAF staff, 10% of eligible applications will be selected for further audit and review. This audit will involve a secondary review of applications for eligibility and validation of technical information by an Accredited Professional. Additional information may be requested from the applicant before it can be considered for funding. The following audit criteria may be considered:

- Owner/Lessee Farm Operation details:
 - Total acreage
 - Planting density
- Financial Review
 - Documentation supporting positive returns

- Compliance Checks
 - Food safety standards
 - Valid water license
 - Soil test results
- Varietal Assessment
- Additional Assessments
 - Production insurance
 - AgriStability participation
 - Environmental Farm Plan (EFP)

Note: Applications that fail the audit requirements may be deemed ineligible and not funded.

Program Scoring Criteria

All eligible applications will be scored based on specific criteria provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, including:

- Confirmed plant order for all fields at the time of application.
- Enrollment in Production Insurance.
- Enrollment in AgriStability or vertical integration that makes them ineligible for AgriStability.
- A current Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) or in the process of renewing/applying for one.

Additional Scoring Criteria

The following additional scoring criteria outline are specific for Stream 1: Tree Fruit Replant.

Stream 1: Tree Fruit Replant

- Field(s) being replanted will be cover cropped or left fallow for at least 12 months prior to planting.

Funding will be awarded to high-scoring applicants first, until the program allocations are fully committed.



Funding Notifications & Obligations

If the project is approved, IAF will inform the applicant of the details of the decision and any associated terms and conditions by email. Notification will be provided within 8 weeks of a completed application submission. Please note, if an application is sent back for further information or revisions this will reset the application review timeline. The status of your application can be found in the [IAF Client Portal](#). All funding decisions are final.

Funding is application and project-specific and must be used for the approved project and eligible expenses as outlined. Funds are non-transferable. Retroactive costs are eligible for ERP. Replanting activities are eligible provided the purchase was made on or after September 1, 2024.

Approved replant projects, including those that receive a conditional approval, must be completed within 24 months of funding decision notification. Applicants without a confirmed plant order may receive conditional funding approval, pending the submission of an order confirmation to IAF. Conditional approval is valid for 60 days; failure to submit an order confirmation will result in cancellation of conditional approval. Applicants would be required to resubmit pending reopening of an application window. No project extensions will be considered.

Approved applicants will be published annually on the IAF website, highlighting funding awarded to producers and key program achievements to date.

Reporting Requirements

Successful applicants must complete all replanting activities, submit a project report and/or successfully complete an on-site field inspection prior to receiving payment. Project report(s) must be completed and submitted to IAF, with **receipts and invoices** (as applicable), to be considered for funding reimbursement. It is important the final report is submitted on time and with all required information. Expenses will be reimbursed based on the submitted receipts, the approved project proposal, and the corresponding cost-share ratio. Payments will be made in CAD with exchange rates calculated at the time of payment unless a proof of exchange rate is provided. All reporting will be completed via the [IAF Client Portal](#).

Project Reports

A progress report(s) may be required for projects that exceed 12-months in duration.

Final project reports will include, but may not be limited to:

- Confirmed total number of plants/acres planted
- Provide supporting documents (receipts, invoices etc.)
- Producer planting survey
- Attestation of work complete
- **Replant Projects:** Geotagged image(s) of each project location, showing planted rows and installed irrigation.

If a report submitted by a producer shows evidence of inter-planting, the project will automatically require an on-site field inspection and may be ineligible for funding.

Eligible Invoices for Cost-Shared Funding

To qualify for reimbursement, invoices must:

1. Relate to Approved Expenses: Reflect costs directly associated with purchases from
 - a. Nursery Stock: Plant(s) purchased and/or one-time royalty or licensing fee
 - b. Home-sourced Nursery: Growers using their own home nurseries need provide receipt for rootstock and scion (if applicable) and receipt for any associated royalty payments.
2. Be Itemized: Include detailed descriptions (i.e. varieties), quantities, and unit prices for the above expenses.
3. Show Date of Purchase: Indicate the invoice date or purchase date(s)
4. Include Vendor Information: Display the vendor's name, address, and contact details.
5. Provide Payment Proof: Accompany the invoice with evidence of payment, such as a receipt or bank statement (if available at the time of application).

Producer-to-producer sales (including rootstock, scion, plants) are eligible under ERP. Applicants must provide an 'invoice' for the payment of a producer-to-producer sales which includes:

1. Seller information; including legal business name, address / contact information, GST/business number for farm/business selling trees;
 - a. IAF may request original invoices from commercial nurseries on a case-by-case basis
2. The variety and number (unit/quantity) of trees sold;
3. Cost per tree and total costs;
4. Buyer information; including legal business name and address / contact information for the farm/business buying trees;
5. The applicant (buyer) is also required to provide back up of the transaction to show proof of payment (i.e. bank statement showing transfer of funds, deposited cheque etc.)

For questions about eligible expenses, please contact the IAF program team at erp@iafbc.ca.

Field Inspections

Field inspection process: Approved projects selected to participate in the field inspection audit will be automatically notified when a final report is completed / submitted to IAF through the [IAF Client Portal](#).

Field inspections will be conducted for a minimum of 25% of completed projects, by a qualified professional scheduling an on-site visit with the producer. Field inspections will take place within 3-6 months of project completion and planting. Final payments will be based on the outcome of the inspection and assessment of the project's progress.

Criteria for each inspection could include, but is not limited to:

- Verify project location.

- Verify the commodity planted.
- Verify the source of planting stock and varieties.
- Assess site preparation and weed control.
- Measure average plant spacing and row spacing.
- Measure field area.
- Assess plant quality in terms of overall health.
- Ensure support system/trellising is in place and trees are tied (if applicable).
- Ensure permanent irrigation system is installed.
- Verify the previous planting in field block have been removed and obsolete infrastructure has been removed and disposed of.
- Take photos.

Note: Projects that fail the field inspection requirements may be deemed ineligible and not funded.

Payments will only be issued to producers following project completion and/or field inspection.

Funding Acknowledgements

This program is funded by the Government of British Columbia. As such, acknowledgement of funding is required when publicly communicating about a project and/or funding. To ensure appropriate acknowledgement, all communications and marketing materials, including public announcements or social media posts, must be pre-approved by the IAF Communications Team. Details on correctly acknowledging funding can be found on the [project resource hub](#). Materials must be submitted via the [IAF Client Portal](#).