

## **Farmland School Tax Rebate**

### **What is the Farmland School Tax Rebate?**

The farmland school tax rebate was implemented in 2004 as part of the Manitoba government's continuing commitment to support the rural economy and provide farm families with school tax relief. The rebate percentage has increased each year and owners of farmland may receive a rebate ranging from 50% to 70% of the school taxes paid on their farmland, depending on the year applied for.

Every property currently assessed as farmland in Manitoba will be eligible for the rebate. Rebates apply only to farmland and do not include taxes paid on farm residences or buildings.

### **How do I know if my farmland property qualifies for the rebate?**

Locate the assessment area on your property tax bill. You may qualify for the rebate if there is a value indicated in the Land column with a Class "Farm".

### **How do I apply for a rebate?**

If you have previously received a rebate, a pre-printed application listing the land you received a rebate for will be mailed to you. If you own additional properties, add them. If there are properties listed on the application that you are not claiming, put a line through them.

Sign the application, attach a photocopy of the receipt from the municipality showing property taxes paid (or have the municipality stamp and sign the application) and forward the application to the MASC office shown near the bottom of the pre-printed application form.

If this is the first time you are applying for the rebate, or if you require additional application forms, they are available through your local MAFRI or MASC office, or online at [www.gov.mb.ca/farmland](http://www.gov.mb.ca/farmland).

### **I recently bought or sold land, am I still eligible to receive a rebate?**

Perhaps. Make note of purchases or sales on the application form, and enclose a copy of your solicitor's reporting letter or the Statement of Adjustments.

### **What if there were other changes during the rebate year?**

Any changes to your name, address or phone number can be written on the application form. If the rebate is for a person who is deceased, please indicate if the payment can go to the estate. If you are claiming a rebate for property inherited during the rebate year, please enclose a copy of the will and death certificate.

### **Can I still apply for my rebate from previous years?**

Yes, you may apply for a rebate up to three years after the taxes were due. The eligibility period for the 2005 rebate will expire on December 31, 2008.

### **Am I eligible for the rebate if I rent agricultural Crown land from the Manitoba government?**

Yes. Please contact the Agricultural Crown Lands office in Portage La Prairie at 1-866-210-9589 for more information.