

# **Guidelines for Farm and Off-farm Income Estimates**

## **Manitoba Young Farmer Nominee Program**

The Manitoba Young Farmer Nominee Program requires applicants under the Manitoba Young Farmer Nominee Program to:

1. provide details of the proposed farm operation which they plan to undertake once they land in Manitoba. The farm proposal should contain a well-thought out plan; not necessarily one where all issues have been thoroughly researched, but enough to demonstrate that the farm has a reasonable chance of success. Some helpful guidance of how to prepare a farm plan and what factors to take into account in doing so can be found in the web site: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/financial/farm/software> under the “Farm Plan”.
2. demonstrate that they and/or their spouses, if applicable, have skills and experiences that would make them employable in some capacity so that they can earn off-farm supplementary income. For instance, while their main job may have been farming, they may also have had experience in welding or repairing farm machines and equipment. At the same time, their spouses may also have skills and experiences that could open up employment opportunities for themselves within the community in which they live. It is also possible to consider having a small business that meets some needs of the surrounding community.
3. demonstrate, in concrete terms, that they have determined the potential income from the farm operation, and have a concrete plan on how they will be able to supplement their farm income so that they will be in a position to meet their minimum annual before-tax income requirement of \$35,000 CDN.