

# Preparing for an Online Agricultural Crown Lands Lease Auction



## Parcels for Lease

Agricultural Crown Lands available for lease or renewable permit at auction can be reviewed at: [resd.ca/leases\\_and\\_permits/LPproperties.aspx#agLeasePermit](https://resd.ca/leases_and_permits/LPproperties.aspx#agLeasePermit)

The lots will be available for viewing on the website of the 3rd party hosting the auction one week prior to the start of the auction.

## Prior to the Auction

- Potential bidders are encouraged to ensure they meet eligibility criteria. Any arrears on agricultural Crown lands lease or permit accounts must be paid in full prior to the auction in order to be eligible to bid. Eligibility may also be impacted by previous compliance history with the Agricultural Crown Lands program.
- Potential bidders are encouraged to become informed prior to the auction by researching and visiting the parcels and units of interest and becoming familiar with lease or permit obligations. Potential bidders must ensure they can legally access the parcels.
  - Aerial photo map viewer [agrimaps.gov.mb.ca/agrimaps/](https://agrimaps.gov.mb.ca/agrimaps/)
  - Information on the Agricultural Crown Lands Leasing Program, including the standard Forage Lease Agreement and Cropping Lease Agreement can be found on the Agricultural Crown Lands website: [manitoba.ca/agriculture/land-management/crown-land/index.html](https://manitoba.ca/agriculture/land-management/crown-land/index.html)



- [Farm Production Extension Specialists](#) - Crown Lands can provide assistance prior to the auction dates.
- Please note that The Crown Lands Act prohibits some provincial employees from holding Crown land without further vetting. For additional information, please contact staff.
- If translation or accommodation services are required for the auction, please contact staff at least five (5) days in advance of the auction.



## Online Auction Bidding

- The registration and auction process is administered by an independent 3rd party to be identified on the ACL website and/or auction notice. For technical assistance with participation in the auction process, please contact the auctioneer.
- The auction website will display available parcels for one week prior to the scheduled auction.
- Potential bidders will complete the online registration process, including a declaration of eligibility.
- The auction website will list the auction rules, and examples will be provided.
  - FORAGE LEASE: The lease is for a 15 year term. The bidding will start at \$200.00 per unit and the successful bidder will earn the right to lease the land. Rent is determined separately via formula.
  - RENEWABLE HAY PERMIT or RENEWABLE GRAZING PERMIT: The permit is for 15 one-year terms. The bidding will start at \$200.00 per unit and the successful bidder will earn the right to hold a permit on the land. Rent is determined separately via formula.
  - CROPPING LEASE: The lease is for a five (5) year term. The bidding will start at \$200.00 plus the minimum rental amount, and the successful bidder will earn the right to lease the land and set the annual rental amount via the auction bid.

## Following the Online Auction

- The successful bids will be listed on the auction website at the end of the auction. Official auction results will be posted on the provincial website soon thereafter.
- The payment process, and lease document signing is administered by provincial staff. Successful bidders will be required to sign lease documents and make payment in full within 30 days of invoicing following the auction.
  - FORAGE LEASE, RENEWABLE HAY PERMIT, RENEWABLE GRAZING PERMIT: The payment will include the successful bid amount, the first year's rent and amount in lieu of municipal taxes, and GST as applicable.
  - CROPPING LEASE: The payment will include the successful bid amount, the first year's amount in lieu of municipal taxes, and GST as applicable.



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