



Lowbush Blueberry Development Program

Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture
Programs and Business Risk Management


*Our mandate is to grow the rural economy of this province
and we will do that by investing in agriculture.*

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Session Outline

- Overview 2015-16how did it go?
- 2016-17 Program Year  A red icon with a white left-pointing arrow and the word "NEW" in white capital letters.
- Questions



2015-16 Applications

(approved)

Project type	Number of Application	Proposed acres	Value of Proposed Investment (\$)	Value of Assistance Offered (\$)
Field Improvement/ Levelling	62	650	1,227,139	293,049
Clearing/Expansion	27	300	176,173	45,940
	66	950	1,403,312	338,989



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Expansion

- land must be suitable for lowbush blueberry growth
- removal of trees/brush & other debris
- **pre-inspections required**
- time of year restrictions

- 30% cost-share
- \$7,500 cap

Open: March 1
Close: May 31





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Levelling & Improvement

- improve land productivity (mechanization)
- square up fields
- increased light around edge of field
- removal of stumps/rocks, flattening/filling in of surface irregularities
- **pre-inspections may be required**
- time of year restrictions

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Funding Parameters

Project type	Maximum project cost per acre (\$)	Maximum assistance per acre (\$)
Field Improvement/Levelling	1,500	450
Clearing/Expansion	500	150



Application Process

- Programs staff will follow up with you
- Non-arms length = if you are doing the work yourself (or a family member)
 - MUST BE IDENTIFIED ON YOUR APPLICATION
 - This **REQUIRE** a pre-inspection prior to beginning



NEW for 2016-17

- Letter of Agreement – MUST BE RETURNED TO PROGRAMS within **60 days - NOT MARCH 1**



- FUNDING WILL BE FORFEITED





Question Period....

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