



Nova Scotia Genetic Improvement Program

Nova Scotia Cattle Producers

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Instructions – IMPORTANT PROCESS INFORMATION

This is a one-step process. No applications will be reviewed before the application deadline so there will be no follow-up on missing documents. Applications will only be considered if all necessary information is provided. Please call the office prior to submitting if you have any questions.

Document Checklist:

- This application, completed and signed.
- Sire Purchases → Proof of Purchase – submit one of the following options:
 - Invoice/Receipt – Signed and marked “Paid” by the seller
 - Invoice/Receipt plus a copy of the cashed cheque from your bank statement
 → Test Performance Certificate if claiming premium

Note: EPDs, Ownership and Date of Birth will be collected from the Breed Website. Please be sure the information is available and accurate by the application deadline. If sire has no EPDs, genomic testing will be accepted with application.

- Genomic Testing → Genomic results
- Carcass Ultrasound → CUP results

Application Deadline: June 30, 2022 and November 30, 2022

Approved payments will be issued no later than July 31, 2022 and December 30, 2022

Send by mail to: **Nova Scotia Cattle Producers, 7 Atlantic Central Dr., East Mountain, NS B6L 2Z2**
OR send directly to **Ashley Anderson at the NSCP Office Fax: 902-893-7063; Email: office@nscattle.ca**

PRODUCER INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Farm Name: _____

NSCP Number: _____ # Breeding Cows _____

Business Number or SIN (see note on page 2) _____ Feeding Capacity _____

Civic Address _____

Mailing Address: _____

(if different) _____

Email: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

To be eligible for the Nova Scotia Elite Sire program the applicant must:

1. Be a Nova Scotia based cattle producer, partnership or corporation that has a breeding herd of no less than ten cows.
2. Hold a 2022 Nova Scotia Cattle Grower License and have 2021 and 2020 levies paid in full by application deadline.
3. Agree to abide by the current Program Guidelines.

Applications may be submitted at any time, however, will only be processed at the June 30, 2022 and November 30, 2022 application deadlines.

Business Number & SIN Request Note:

NSCP is required to file an AGR-1 for each applicant who receives funds from this program to be included in your 2022 tax return. In order to do this, we must have either your Business Number (for incorporated farms) or your SIN. If you are not comfortable having it written down, please call Ashley and provide it verbally.

SIRE PURCHASES

	Sire #1	Sire # 2
Purchase Price	\$ _____	\$ _____
Qualify for Premium?	Y N	Y N
Tattoo or Registration #	_____	_____
Breed	_____	_____

Office Use Only
\$ _____
\$ _____

Payment Details:

- **Up to 30% of the purchase price to a maximum of \$500 per animal.**
- **Premium of up to \$100** for Test Station bulls with negative residual feed intake (RFI).
- Maximum of up to \$600 per animal with base rate and premium.

Criteria for Sire Purchases:

- To be considered, bulls must be less than 3 years of age at the time of application deadline.
- Purchase date must be between January 1, 2022 and application deadline.
- Animal must be registered and ownership transfer must be updated on breed website to match applicant.
- Each approved applicant farm is eligible for one bull per 30 breeding females.
- Breeding bulls will only be considered with a minimum of three production and/or carcass Estimated Progeny Difference (EPD) traits that meet or exceed the breed average. If bull has no EPDs, genomic testing will be accepted.
- Qualifying bulls must be kept for a minimum of one year unless culled for disease or productivity reasons.
- Animals will only be eligible for the Nova Scotia Genetic Improvement Program once in their lifetime.

Note: EPDs, Ownership and Date of Birth will be collected from the Breed Website.
Please be sure the information is available and accurate by the application deadline.

GENOMIC TESTING AND CARCASS ULTRASOUND

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED				
Activity	Funding (A)	Quantity (B)	Funding Requested (AxB)	Office Use Only
Genomic Testing	\$20.00			
Carcass Ultrasound	\$8.00 Purebred			
	\$5.00 Commercial			
<i>Total Funding Applied For:</i>				

GENOMIC TESTING

Payment Details:

- **Eligibility of \$20 per animal per licensee.**

Criteria for Genomic Testing:

- To be considered, results must include a minimum of a 50K snip.
- Eligibility is available for animals within the whole herd.

Producer Information:

- For purebred genomic testing: contact your breed association and they will provide you the required documentation.
- For commercial genomic testing: contact genomics company directly.
- Samples should be sent at least one month in advance of the application deadline to ensure results are received to submit with the application.

CARCASS ULTRASOUND**Payment Details:**

- **Eligibility of \$8 per registered purebred animal; \$5 per commercial animal per licensee.**

Criteria for Carcass Ultrasound:

- To be considered, scanned animals must be within the Ultrasound Guidelines Council (UGC) eligibility.
- Carcass traits included within CUP results must include rump fat thickness, rib fat thickness, rib eye area, and percentage intramuscular fat.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES**Nova Scotia Genetic Improvement Program Payment Details:**

- **Maximum of \$1,200 per licensee per year for all claimed activities combined.**
- **Funds for the November 30, 2022 application deadline will only be available if leftover money from the budgeted amount remains from the June 30, 2022 application deadline.**

CERTIFICATION AND SUBMISSION**By submitting this application form, I**

- certify, to the best of my knowledge and ability, that the information provided on this form is complete, true and correct;
- understand and agree to the program guidelines and, if the application is approved in whole or in part, agree to abide by the terms and conditions as set out in the program guidelines;
- consent to the audit and verification of the information provided on this form, such audit and verification to be performed by the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers or other parties, including livestock inspection agencies, chosen by the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers for audit and verification purposes;
- grant permission to the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers to contact any of my suppliers to confirm the information I have provided;
- agree to repay any overpayment amount received as a Producer Payment if adjustment or audit shows the amount received exceeds the contributions to which I am entitled under the terms of the Program Payment;
- understand that the program payments may be reduced depending on the number of completed applications;
- confirm that I have the authority to bind the applicant.
- all decisions of the program administrator are considered final

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below, I hereby certify that the amounts claimed are compliant with the payments authorized by the Nova Scotia Elite Sire Program terms and conditions, as displayed on this application.

Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 30, 2022 OR NOVEMBER 30, 2022.

Approved payments will be issued no later than July 31, 2022 or December 30, 2022.