

# Consultation Summary

## Agricultural Crown Lands Leases and Permits Regulation



**Summary of Feedback from the public consultations on the 2020 draft amendment to the Agricultural Crown Lands Leases and Permits Regulation.**

### Summary of Feedback

In total, 63 unique comments were received, 57 from private individuals, three from farm industry organizations, one from a municipality, one from a political party, and one from a group of individuals. Comments were received on the Manitoba Regulatory Consultation Portal, as well as via email and fax to Agricultural Crown Lands office.

Of note, approximately 2.4 per cent of current agricultural Crown lands lease and permit holders provided feedback on the draft regulation.

The comments were categorized in terms of the following main themes based on the changes proposed:

Theme	Comments	Any Change to Regulation as Presented
1. Legacy lease renewals	In general, there is strong support for the concept of legacy lease renewals to ensure stability of existing leases that have been built into livestock operations.	Legacy lease renewals will be allowed as presented, no change.
2. Renewals for non-legacy forage leases	A few comments were submitted requesting consideration of renewals for all leaseholders, including new or non-legacy leases.	Renewals for non-legacy forage leases are not in line with modernization, no change.
3. Renewal fees	On comment suggested the renewal fee to be introduced in 2035 is too high.	Fee is necessary to recover administrative costs, no change.
4. Family Transfers	In general, there is strong support for the concept of family transfers, and ensuring renewability for legacy leases following family transfers as well.	Importance of Manitoba family farms is recognized, family transfers will be allowed as presented, no change.
5. Unit Transfers	In general, there is opposition to the removal of the ability to consider application of one final unit transfer. Comments were also mixed with the request to reinstate the full breadth of unit transfers as opposed to the transitional measure.	Unit transfers are not in line with modernization efforts, unit transfers will not be allowed and transitional measure removed, no change.
6. Cropping permits	No comments were made.	No change.

7. Outside-of-Scope	Several comments were received on various other topics but out of scope for the proposed regulation : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Modernization: comments on other elements of modernization already completed through regulatory changes, and suggestions related to program administration changes made regarding forage lease term length, lease allocation auctions, forage rental rates, and improvements value transfer between private parties.</li><li>○ Public access: some commenters supported measures that would allow leaseholders to limit or restrict access on agriculturally leased land.</li><li>○ Conservation: some comments and suggestions for introducing Best Management Practice incentives to aid in conservation of lands.</li><li>○ Enforcement: some comments related to a desire for more expansive compliance monitoring and enforcement by government.</li><li>○ Sales: some comments expressed desire for an expanded sales program for agricultural Crown lands under lease.</li><li>○ Alternate programming: suggestions regarding development of a homesteading program.</li></ul>
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