



New reporting requirements & ecofees start January 1, 2026

Biosecurity, sanitization and other containers & bags

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Product/material: : Biosecurity, sanitization and other containers & bags (Quebec)

Re: New reporting requirements & ecofees start January 1, 2026

You are receiving this letter because your company may face new reporting requirements and ecofees starting January 1, 2026 as Cleanfarms expands its Quebec-based programs to manage the wide variety of containers and bags that are subject to regulatory requirements under the [Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises](#) (RRVPE).

Cleanfarms will be providing additional information about its expanded collections over the coming months. We encourage members to contact us if they supply any product in a container or bag into Quebec. This will ensure that they are supporting the appropriate program(s) and fully compliant with the RRVPE.

IMPORTANT

- New reporting requirements on biosecurity, sanitization and other containers & bags designed or intended for agricultural purposes begin January 1, 2026.
- Ecofees will be based on the size of the container or bag (see below) and available in October 2025.
- Contact [us](#) to arrange for a one-on-one meeting.

Background

Section 53.0.8 of the [Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises](#) (RRVPE) identifies the types of agricultural plastics or bags that are subject to the requirements of the RRVPE.

(2) other bags designed and intended for agricultural purposes, such as grain bags and grain silo bags, woodchip bags known as “shavings”, supplement bags, mineral bags, fertilizer or soil amendment bags, seed bags, feed bags, peat moss bags, growing medium bags, as well as bags that have been used to market a product referred to in paragraph 7 and that are designed and intended for non-household purposes;

(3) containers designed and intended for agricultural purposes, such as canisters, tanks and barrels holding seed or sanitary supplies, fertilizer or soil amendment containers, and containers that have been used to market a product referred to in paragraph 7 and that are designed and intended for non-household purposes;

The products mentioned in the excerpt above are examples and not inclusive of the types of containers or bags that are subject to the RRVPE.

The intent of the RRVPE is to include all ag plastics and packaging used in agriculture. This includes any containers/bags used for production purposes. These containers/bags are often supplied to field crop farmers, greenhouses, into barns and in the maple sector.

Collections in Quebec

Quebec farmers have had access to a collection program for empty pesticide and fertilizer containers for 15+ years. Drop off points are located mainly at ag-retailers and dealers. The program will be expanding to include a wider variety of containers throughout 2025.

Bag collections are available at more than 200 locations across Quebec. Farmers have access to both municipal-based and ag-retail based collection sites.

Preliminary ecofees - biosecurity, sanitization and other containers & bags

We know that many members are currently budgeting for 2026. To assist with planning, we are sharing the following preliminary ecofees.

Container ecofees

Size	2025 ecofee
≤ 1 L	\$0.088
1.01 – 23 L	\$0.88

Size	2025 ecofee
23.1 – 225L	\$23.51
225.1 – 550L	\$32.73
> 550 L	\$45.79

Bag ecofees

Size	2025 ecofee
≤ 30 kg	\$0.31
31 to 500 kg	\$1.59
≥ 501 kg	\$3.18

Note:

The ecofees noted above are based on those that currently apply to containers/bags (e.g., liquid fertilizer containers or seed bags) that are already part of existing Cleanfarms programs as many of the on the ground logistics for biosecurity, sanitization and other containers & bags will be similar. Staff are still examining some of the chemistries or formulations that are in use, which could mean that different processing or transportation requirements will apply and this could impact the ecofees.

The ecofees for biosecurity, sanitization and other containers (and any related bags) that will start on January 1, 2026 may differ. Ecofees will be shared in October 2025 following an extensive budgeting process and approval by the Cleanfarms Board.

Thank you

Thanks to Quebec farmers and collection sites about 4,500 tonnes of ag plastics and packaging were collected in 2024.

Cleanfarms extends a special thank you to members for their co-operation and support as we work collaboratively to support farmers.

For more information

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