

RULES FOR REPORTING – AG PLASTICS – 2026

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At a glance

Jurisdiction(s)	Quebec		
Reporting			
Frequency	Quarterly		
Reporting start date	July 1, 2023		
Ecofee/levy start date	October 1, 2023		
Relevant regulations			
Quebec	Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises		
Applicable programs			
Package	No	Applicable types	<input type="checkbox"/> Containers <input type="checkbox"/> Bags <input type="checkbox"/> Boxes
Obsolete content	No		
Product	Yes		

Overarching principle:

Members are required to report and pay ecofees on all agricultural plastics (ag plastics) used for storing or conserving hay, silage, grain and other commodities as identified in section 53.08 of the [Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises](#) (The Regulation) and that are supplied¹ into Quebec.

Product line/packaging definition:

Section 53.0.8 of the Regulation identifies the types of agricultural plastics that members are expected to report and remit ecofees on:

- (1) *sheeting, netting and twine, tubing and fittings, bags and canvas used for conserving and baling silage or hay;*
- (2) *other bags designed and intended for agricultural purposes, such as grain bags and grain silo bags...*

The following table provides further clarity based on names and terminology used in the industry:

Terminology used in The Regulation	Commonly used terminology	Notes	2026 Ecofee (per kg*)
53.0.8 (1)			
Sheeting	Bale wrap Bale film		\$0.60/kg
Netting	Net wrap		\$0.21/kg
Twine	Baler twine	- excludes sisal twine	\$0.46/kg
Tubings	Bale tubes Silage tubes		\$0.60/kg
Fittings	Bale end caps		\$0.60/kg
Bags	Silage bags		\$0.60/kg
Canvas	Silage tarps Silage bunker covers		\$0.60/kg
53.0.8 (2)			
Grain bags	Silo bags, ag-bags		\$0.60/kg
Grain silo bags			\$0.60/kg

*Ecofees are applied to the weight of plastic only and not items like carton rolls and boxes.

¹ For the purpose of this document, 'supply' means the sale, distribution or other supply of an agricultural plastic into Quebec, excluding those in which the Responsible Member merely holds the designated material in inventory in Quebec but has not yet sold it in Quebec.

Identifying reporting responsibilities

The Responsible Member is responsible for the reporting and remitting of levies/ecofees starting as of the levy/ecofee start date noted above:

- 1) The first seller into Quebec (as defined by the RRVPE) holds the regulatory obligation and is, by default, responsible for reporting and remitting of levies/ecofees and becomes the Responsible Member.
- 2) In certain circumstances, the first seller may determine that an entity other than the first seller, and usually downstream along the distribution channel, should be the Responsible Member.
 - a) A written agreement must be in place between the first seller and the entity that is taking on reporting and remitting of levies/ecofees on behalf of the first seller.
 - b) In this situation:
 - i) This entity becomes an Alternative Responsible Member for ag plastics supplied by the first seller to the entity.
 - ii) The first seller becomes a Non-Reporting-First Seller-Member for ag plastics supplied by the first seller to the entity.
 - c) In the event that an Alternative Responsible Member defaults on its responsibility to report and/or remit levies/ecofees, reporting and remitting responsibilities will fall to the first seller as defined by the RRVPE.
 - d) Some members may assume the role of a Responsible or Alternative Responsible Member for some ag plastics supplied and a Non-Reporting-First Seller-Member for other ag plastics supplied.

Reporting Requirements

Reporting period	Responsible or Alternative Responsible Member	Non-Reporting-First Seller-Member
	Mandatory	Mandatory
Jan. 1, 2026 – Dec 31, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The size, number and weight of each ag plastic supplied • List of brands supplied* • List of Non-Reporting-First Sellers-Members affiliated with the Member • Copies of written agreements between the Member and Non-Reporting-First Seller-Members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Null report • List of brands supplied* • List of Alternative Responsible Members affiliated with the Member • Copies of written agreements between the Member and the Alternative Responsible Members

* This is a regulatory requirement. Cleanfarms is required to maintain a registry of brand names supplied by its members and provide this list to the Ministre de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs annually.

Reporting schedule

Reporting period	Reporting due date
Jan 1, 2026 to Mar 31, 2026	April 30, 2026
April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026	July 30, 2026
July 1, 2026 to Sept 30, 2026	October 30, 2026
Oct 1, 2026 to Dec 31, 2026	January 30, 2027

Outstanding reports

New members are required to submit outstanding reports within 5 (five) business days of the registration date (the date the member receives confirmation from Cleanfarms that their membership agreement is complete and accepted) for all reporting periods in which the member had an obligation to report and/or pay fees.

These outstanding reports will generate invoices for all applicable prior reporting periods. Payment is due upon receipt of the invoice for these outstanding reporting periods from Cleanfarms.

Disputes about product exclusions

With the development of any new program, there may be times when there are questions about whether or not an agricultural plastic is subject to Section 53.0.8 of The Regulation.

The intent of the RRVPE is to include all ag plastics and packaging used in agriculture. Members are therefore required to report and remit ecofees on all ag plastics. For greater clarity:

- By default, each and every ag plastic supplied into Quebec is subject to the RRVPE and members must submit ecofees on each and every ag plastic.
- In the event that a member feels that an ag plastic is not subject to the RRVPE, the member is responsible for
 - obtaining written confirmation from the *Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs* that the product is excluded from the RRVPE, and
 - submitting this documentation to Cleanfarms prior to the reporting due date for the reporting period in which the ag plastic has been supplied.

Adjustments

Members are permitted to make adjustments to previous reporting periods. Potential adjustments to previous reporting periods include:

- Product returns;
- Out of province purchases
- Damaged ag plastics are not eligible for an adjustment.
 - For the purpose of this document, damaged ag plastics (e.g., ag plastics that are damaged during transportation from a warehouse to a reseller or from the reseller to the end user) is product that is supplied into Quebec and is damaged to an extent that it can not supply the product to an end user.
- Members must report and remit ecofees on damaged products. Members can contact Asad Mahmood, mahmooda@cleanfarms.ca for more details.

Applicable taxes

- Ecofees are subject to the same applicable sales taxes that are applicable to the product the ecofees are applied to.