



Date: September 26, 2025  
Product/material: Biosecurity, sanitization, and other containers & bags (Quebec)  
Re: Update on new reporting requirements & ecofees

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).

### IMPORTANT

- New reporting requirements on biosecurity, sanitization, and other containers & bags designed or intended for agricultural purposes, begin January 1, 2026.
- 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.

#### New programs to launch in 2026

Since we last communicated with you in the spring, Cleanfarms has continued its efforts to expand its Quebec-based programs to accommodate a wider range of containers and bags. This work will continue to ensure that collection sites and contractors are prepared to manage higher volumes of containers and bags in 2026.

Over the coming months, Cleanfarms staff will be attending trade shows to speak one-on-one with farmers, feed mills, greenhouse operators, and potential members. A promotions and education campaigns will roll out in 2026.

On a related note, Cleanfarms has also engaged with the numerous companies that supply the containers and bags mentioned above and is working closely with RECYC-QUÉBEC to ensure all players are contributing to the program.

## 2026 ecofees - biosecurity, sanitization, and other containers & bags

To support new programming, members will be required to report and remit ecofees on biosecurity, sanitization, and other containers & bags, starting on January 1, 2026.

*Containers ecofees – biosecurity, sanitization, etc.*

Size category	Ecofees (per kg)
Small (23L & under)	\$2.78
Bulk, one-trip (over 23L)	\$3.29

Common sizes	Estimated ecofee (per unit) **	Weight of empty container used for estimate (kg)
4L	\$0.445	0.16
10L	\$0.973	0.35
	\$1.03	0.37
20L	\$2.50	0.90
110L	\$22.25	7.2
	\$27.81	9.0
1,000L	\$48.20	15.6 (plastic bladder only)
	\$52.53	17.0 (plastic bladder only)

*\*\*The data in this table is provided for demonstration purposes only & to help members estimate a per-unit cost.*

*Bag ecofees - forage/bedding additives, etc.*

Size category	Ecofees (per bag)
<1 kg	\$0.09
1- 30 kg	\$0.31
31 to 500 kg	\$1.59
501 to 1,000 kg	\$3.18

Notes:

- Additional information about reporting requirements will be available [here](#).
- The first report will be due on April 30, 2026.

## Thank you

Thanks to Quebec farmers and collection sites, about 4,500 tonnes of ag plastics and packaging were collected in 2024. While 2025 collections are still underway, early results demonstrate ongoing uptake from farmers.

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

## For more information

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