



Date: December 10, 2025
 Product/material: Treated seed (Quebec)
 Re: Ecofees on treated seed begin in 2026

IMPORTANT

- New ecofees on treated seed will begin in 2026 in order to finance an obsolete treated seed program in Quebec as required by the [Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises](#).
- Ecofees will apply to treated seed supplied into Quebec in the 2025 calendar year (January 1 – December 31, 2025) and reported through the sales survey distributed in February 2026.

Background

Section 53.0.8, sub category (7)¹ of the [Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises](#) identifies pesticides and ‘seed coated with pesticides’ (i.e., treated seed) as products that are subject to the regulatory requirements.

This means that enterprises (companies that supply pesticides and treated seed into Quebec) are required to ensure a recovery program is in place via Cleanfarms to manage obsolete/unwanted pesticides and treated seed.

Cleanfarms already operates an obsolete pesticide collection program that is available to farmers on a rotating basis (once every three years). The program will be available in Quebec in fall 2026. To meet this regulatory requirement, Cleanfarms will adapt its obsolete pesticide collection program (in Quebec only) to efficiently collect obsolete treated seed.

2026 ecofees

Prior to 2026, members paid ecofees on seed bags (this includes non-treated seed and treated seed) to finance Cleanfarms’ seed bag collection program. Starting in 2026, ecofees will apply to the contents (i.e., treated seed) of treated seed bags and ProBOX containers (rigid collapsible bulk containers) that are supplied into Quebec. Ecofees will apply to bulk deliveries of treated seed as well.

Product Line	Packaging	Size	2026 ecofee (Packaging)	2026 ecofee (Contents)	Total ecofees
Treated seed	Bag	≤ 1kg	\$0.09	\$0.02	\$0.11
		1.01 – 30 kg	\$0.31	\$0.02	\$0.33
		31 to 500 kg	\$1.59	\$0.45	\$2.04
	Tote	≥ 501 kg	\$3.18	\$0.90	\$4.08
	ProBOX	All sizes	\$0	\$0.90	\$0.90
	Bulk	N/A	\$0	\$0.0009 per kg	\$0.0009 per kg
Seed (non-treated)	Bag	≤ 1kg	\$0.09	N/A	\$0.09
		1.01 – 30 kg	\$0.31		\$0.31
		31 to 500 kg	\$1.59		\$1.59
	Tote	≥ 501 kg	\$3.18		\$3.18
	ProBOX	All sizes	\$0		\$0
	Bulk	N/A	\$0		\$0

Ecofees apply to treated seed supplied into Quebec during the 2025 calendar year (January 1 - December 31, 2025).



For more information

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¹ Section 53.0.8 (7) - Class 1 to 3A pesticides designed and according to the Regulation respecting permits and certificates for the sale and use of pesticides ([chapter P-9.3, r. 2](#)) and seed coated with pesticides intended for non-household purposes.