

**Agricultural Crown Lands**

**POLICY TITLE      Surrender of Agricultural Leases and Permits**

**BRANCH**                      Sustainable Agriculture  
**DIVISION**                    Agriculture Production, Innovation and Resilience  
**Policy Number**              ACL 23-12  
**Effective Date**              January 1, 2024, until rescinded or amended  
**Replaces Policy**            ACL-02-02 Surrender of Agricultural Leases and Permits  
**ADM/Director**              Patti Rothenburger/Andrea McLean

**Approved by**                July 29, 2024 - Original signed by

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 Brenda DeSerranno, Deputy Minister - MB Agriculture

**Policy Objective:**

Establish terms that enable lease and permit holder to surrender or terminate agricultural Crown land leases or permits before the expiry of the lease or permit. This policy enables partial surrenders of leases and permits under certain conditions.

**Relevant Legislation, Regulation, and Agreements:**

Application of this policy or interpretations thereof must comply with all sections of the Crown Lands Act (the Act) and the Agricultural Crown Lands Leases and Permits Regulation (the Regulation).

The lease and permit agreements allow the lease or permit holder to terminate the lease or permit before the expiry of the lease or permit. The lease or permit is considered surrendered on January 1 following written notice provided to ACL.

**Policy**

- 1) A lease or permit holder may surrender a lease or renewable permit in its entirety before the lease or permit term expires.
- 2) A lease or permit holder must indicate the intent to surrender a lease or permit on a form acceptable to the Director.
- 3) An application for surrender must be submitted on or before December 31 of the year of surrender. The surrender will be effective the following January 1.
- 4) Only legacy leases, renewed legacy leases and renewable legacy permits will be considered for partial surrenders.

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- 5) As of the effective surrender date, the lease or permit holder has no rights to use of the formerly leased or permitted land for purposes designated by the lease or permit.
- 6) Rents or fees outstanding at the time of surrender are considered payable to Manitoba and will remain so until paid in full.
- 7) Penalties described under section 18.1 of the Regulation will be applied where applicable and will not be stayed or lifted as a result of a lease or permit surrender.
- 8) Applications of partial surrenders of leases or permits will be considered by the Director.
- 9) Partial surrenders must result in lease or permit parcel compositions that are considered by the Director to be operational units, marketable to prospective lease or permit holders and support the goals and priorities of the ACL Program.
- 10) Surrenders of portions of individual parcels are not permitted.