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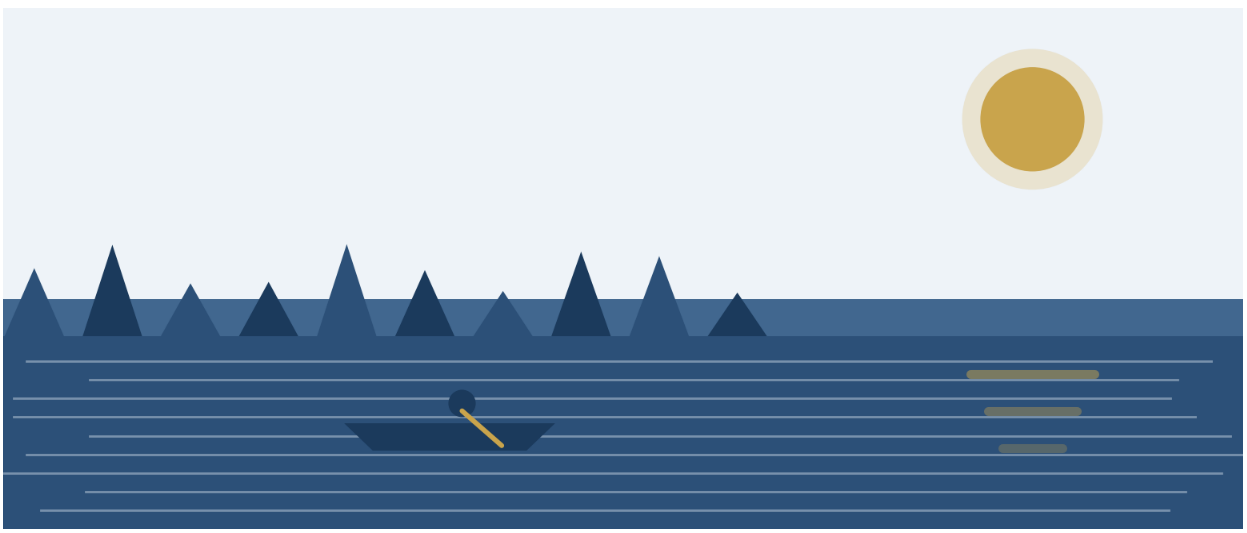

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1. Overview

The Farm Investor Pathway of Manitoba's Business Investor Stream (BIS) offers Canadian permanent residence to experienced farm operators who establish and run a farming business in rural Manitoba. It replaced the province's former Farm Strategic Recruitment Initiative and follows the same work-permit-first architecture as the Entrepreneur Pathway: an Expression of Interest, a Letter of Advice to Apply, a Business Performance Agreement, an operating period on a work permit, and nomination once the Agreement's terms are met.

The pathway is restricted to primary production in rural Manitoba – the operation must produce primary agricultural products consistent with the province's existing farm industry (grains, oilseeds, potatoes, fruit crops, livestock, and comparable commodities) – and the qualifying investment of at least $300,000 must be made in tangible farm assets, not working capital or intangibles.

As with the Entrepreneur Pathway, note that Manitoba's business streams have been in a transition period during 2026; confirm current intake status with the MPNP before committing to an application.

Figure 1: Core requirements at a glance.

2. Eligibility and Requirements

To qualify under the Farm Investor Pathway, you must meet all of the following criteria:

Requirement	Details
Net worth	Minimum CAD $500,000, legally accumulated, verified by an MPNP-designated third-party supplier whose report accompanies the full application after a Letter of Advice to Apply.
Investment	Minimum CAD $300,000 invested in the farm business in rural Manitoba, in eligible tangible assets as defined by the MPNP (land, machinery, livestock, and comparable productive assets).
Farm experience	At least 3 years of farm business ownership or farm management experience, documented through financial records, production history, education, and training.
Farm business plan	A detailed farm business plan – the commodity, land strategy, asset acquisition schedule, and financial projections – forming an integral part of the application and, later, the Business Performance Agreement.
Farm business research visit	A mandatory research visit to Manitoba to investigate the proposed operation – land markets, input suppliers, and the target region – before applying.
Language	Sufficient ability in English or French to conduct the pathway interview and to operate the business; there is no fixed CLB floor, but practical fluency is assessed.
Location and production	The operation must be in rural Manitoba (outside the Winnipeg Capital Region) and produce primary agricultural products consistent with Manitoba's farming industry.
Active management	A genuine intention to live in rural Manitoba and manage the farm hands-on, on an ongoing basis; passive investment does not qualify.

The authoritative source is the MPNP Farm Investor Pathway material at immigratemanitoba.com. Verify current intake status, asset eligibility definitions, and any deposit or agreement terms directly against the MPNP's published materials before any step is taken.

2.1 Tangible assets, defined

The $300,000 minimum must land in productive, tangible farm assets – farmland, buildings, machinery and equipment, breeding livestock, and comparable assets – as defined by the MPNP. Working capital, inventory intended for resale, vehicles for personal use, and intangibles generally do not count toward the minimum. Because Manitoba farmland and equipment markets vary sharply by region and commodity, the asset schedule in the business plan should be priced from current local data gathered during the research visit.

2.2 What the interview assesses

Candidates invited to interview must conduct it in English or French. Beyond language, the interview probes the operating record – whether you have genuinely run farm production at a comparable scale – and the realism of the Manitoba plan: commodity choice, yields and pricing assumptions, capital plan, and how the family will establish itself in a rural community. The Business Performance Agreement signed afterward converts those representations into measurable commitments.

3. Ineligible Businesses

Operations that do not qualify include:

- Farming operations located in or centred on the Winnipeg Capital Region
- Ventures outside primary production – processing, agri-retail, custom services, or agri-tourism without genuine production
- Passive farmland investment without hands-on operation
- Proposals for commodities or models inconsistent with Manitoba's established farm industry, absent compelling evidence of viability

4. The Application Process, Step by Step

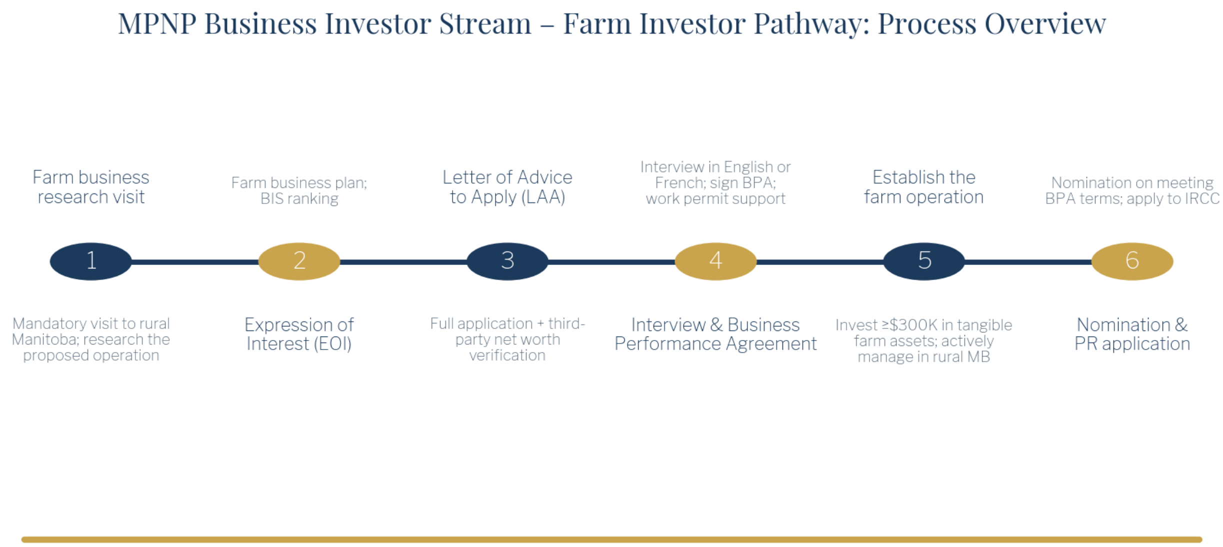

Figure 2: Process overview.

1. **Complete the farm business research visit:** Travel to Manitoba, research the target region's land, input, and commodity markets, meet local professionals, and build the farm business plan on what you find.
2. **Submit an Expression of Interest:** Create an MPNP profile and submit the EOI with the farm business plan into the BIS system for ranking.
3. **Letter of Advice to Apply:** If selected, retain the MPNP-designated third-party verifier for the net worth report and submit the complete application within the LAA's deadline.
4. **Interview and Business Performance Agreement:** Attend the interview in English or French, sign the BPA recording the investment in tangible assets, the production plan, and residency commitments, and receive the Letter of Support for a temporary work permit.
5. **Establish the farm operation:** Move to rural Manitoba, complete the qualifying investment of at least $300,000 in eligible tangible farm assets, and actively manage the operation in accordance with the BPA.
6. **Nomination and permanent residence:** Once the MPNP is satisfied the BPA has been fulfilled, you are nominated, supporting a permanent residence application to IRCC under the Provincial Nominee Class for you and your dependent family members.

5. Fees and Costs

Item	Cost
MPNP application fee (business streams)	Confirm the current amount with the MPNP
Third-party net worth verification	Applicant's cost
Farm business research visit travel	Applicant's cost

Item	Cost
Appraisals, translations, professional advice	Applicant's cost
IRCC fees (work permit; permanent residence)	Federal fees apply

Manitoba's business program fees and procedures are subject to change during the 2026 stream redesign; some published summaries also reference deposit arrangements under the Business Performance Agreement – confirm current terms with the MPNP before submitting.

6. How This Compares to Other Farm Immigration Pathways

The Prairie provinces each operate a farm-focused business immigration pathway. The key differences:

Criteria	MB Farm Investor Pathway	Alberta Farm Stream	SK Farm Owner/Operator
Net worth	$500K	$500K (or access to funds)	$500K ($300K Young Farmer)
Investment	$300K in tangible farm assets	$500K equity minimum	No fixed minimum; scaled to the plan
Deposit	None fixed; BPA terms apply	None	$75K refundable good-faith deposit
Selection	EOI and BIS ranking	Direct application; no grid	Direct application
Research/exploratory visit	Mandatory	Not required	Mandatory, 5+ business days
Location restriction	Rural Manitoba only	Anywhere in Alberta	Anywhere in Saskatchewan

7. Practical Considerations

- Confirm intake status first – the same 2026 transition caveat applies to this pathway as to the Entrepreneur Pathway.
- The lowest investment floor among the Prairie farm streams ($300,000) comes with the tightest definition: only tangible productive assets count, so the capital plan should be built asset-by-asset with current Manitoba pricing.
- Manitoba's Farm Lands Ownership Act restricts non-resident ownership of farmland; structure the land acquisition timeline around residency and permanent residence milestones with this in mind.
- The rural-only requirement is absolute – an operation near Winnipeg does not qualify – and the family settlement plan for a rural community is part of what the interview tests.
- Experience evidence should match the proposed commodity: a grain record supports a grain plan; pivoting to an unfamiliar commodity in the Manitoba proposal weakens the file.

Important Notice

This guide is provided for general information only and does not constitute legal advice for any specific case. It summarizes the requirements of the MPNP Business Investor Stream – Farm Investor Pathway as published by the Province of Manitoba (immigratemanitoba.com) as of August 2026, during a period in which Manitoba's business streams are undergoing redesign. Program criteria, asset definitions, fees, and intake status change from time to time and should be verified against the current program materials before any step is taken. Please contact our office to discuss how these requirements apply to your circumstances.

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