

# 2026 GINSENG STORAGE LOAN GUARANTEE PILOT PROGRAM APPLICATION

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING  
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Section 1. APPLICANT BUSINESS TYPE			
<b>ACC Customer</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>ACC Customer #</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative	<b>Business Number (BN)/HST#</b> (9 digits)

Section 2. DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO APPLY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>New Applicants:</b> Please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> appropriate boxes below to indicate <b>1)</b> type of Proof of Canadian Citizenship submitted for the Sole Proprietor and <u>for each</u> Partner of a Partnership. (Health Cards cannot be accepted). <b>2)</b> Please submit the following as applicable: Partnership Agreements, Articles of Incorporation documents and any amendments. ACC may request Shareholder Register.</li> <li>✓ <b>Applicable to:</b> New Applicant(s), Applicants out of the program for 2 years, Applicants who defaulted or had NSF payments in the past three (3) years; ACC may request your Financial Statements or complete Income Tax Return, including Statement A (as applicable).</li> <li>✓ <b>Note:</b> Re-Applicants who have previously submitted the following documents and who continue to operate under the same legal name and business/corporate structure are not required to resubmit unless contacted by ACC to do so.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Birth Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Driver's Licence <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Passport <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident Card <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship card/certificate
<input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation & Amendments (if any)

Section 3 (a). BORROWER'S BASIC INFORMATION																		
✓ Your loan must include your Full <u>Legal</u> Name and Trade Name if you carry on business under a name other than your own personal name or legal corporate name in accordance with the <i>Business Names Act</i> .																		
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Section 3 (b). COMPLETE SECTION BELOW IF PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, COOPERATIVE, OTHERWISE LEAVE BLANK																																			
✓ List all Shareholders, Partners, or Members <b>with voting shares</b> in the business with individual percentage of voting shares/interest. Attach a separate sheet if required. <b>Re-Applicants:</b> If ownership structure has changed from previous application, forward legal documents that reflect change and complete Joint & Several Agreement.																																			
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Section 4. FINANCIAL INSTITUTION/CREDIT UNION INFORMATION												
<b>ATTACH VOID CHEQUE (IF NEW OR CHANGED). All Advances (less applicable fees) will be issued by direct deposit. Please notify ACC of any changes to bank account to avoid repayment return charges. Note:</b> Cheque should reflect same name as on application and (if applicable) Name on Articles of Incorporation.												
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<b>Bank Account #</b> (Typically 7 Digits)	<b>Extension:</b> _____	<b>Email:</b> _____										

Section 6. OPTIONAL: DISCLOSURE OF LOAN INFORMATION TO NON-BORROWER (i.e. family, accountant, lawyer, guarantor) **Consent is given for this program year and all future years until revoked by the applicant.			
<b>Full Legal Name</b>	<b>Relationship/Title</b>	<b>Phone #</b>	<b>Email</b>

Section 7. DECLARATIONS OF SECURITY						
1. Does any other person or business have a security interest (i.e. hold your ginseng as security), or have rights to your revenues? If yes, complete the section below.		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
Business/Contact Name:	Email Address:	Business Ph. #:				
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2. Do you have outstanding advances from previous program years, <u>including</u> advances attributed by percentage of ownership in any Corporation/Cooperative/Partnership?		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
3. Has your operation undergone any structural changes in the last two years or since the last GSLGPP application? If yes, please explain.		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
4. Have you the Applicant, including Shareholders or Members of the business made a filing or is/are subject of any filing made under the <i>Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act</i> or any other legislation dealing in any way with insolvency matters and/or the protection of creditor's rights, including the <i>Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act</i> , <i>Companies Creditors Arrangement Act</i> or <i>Farm Debt Mediation Act</i> ?		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
5. Is the Applicant party to any claims, disputes, or lawsuits? If yes, please explain.		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
6. Do you declare and certify that you continuously own and sell all the Ginseng being applied for and currently have the quantity in storage/inventory and it is and will remain of marketable quality until sold or disposed of?		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
AGRISTABILITY DOCUMENTS REQUIRED						
7. Do you certify that you are enrolled in AgriStability for the current Program Year? Note: Your Enrollment Fee Notice must be for the current year and must be paid in full by the deadline. The producer must be enrolled in the AgriStability program during the life of the GSLGPP. Should your enrollment be terminated, please notify ACC immediately.		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
8. Please provide your AgriStability PIN # (for each partner if applicable) and submit your AgriStability Enrollment Confirmation with this application.		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>AS PIN #:</td> <td>AS PIN #:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AS PIN #:</td> <td>AS PIN #:</td> </tr> </table>	AS PIN #:	AS PIN #:	AS PIN #:	AS PIN #:
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9. The Producer agrees to pay ACC any proceeds from any account receivable in the current year and all future years (for example the AgriStability program), until such a time as the loan Advance has been paid in full, and no liability to ACC exists.		Acknowledged <input type="checkbox"/>				

## ANNUAL ADVANCE REQUESTED BY PRODUCER WORKSHEET

<b>Section 8.</b>	<b>2026 PRODUCER ADVANCE REQUEST</b> (Maximum Allowed is \$1,000,000)	**Advance funded will be subject to eligibility and information provided**
		\$ _____

Please appropriate box:  Issue Maximum funds allowed (based on eligibility)  
 Issue Eligible amount but not exceeding amount I/we stated above

Section 9. ADVANCE REQUESTED BY PRODUCER - CALCULATION WORKSHEET					
Agricultural Product	Storage Location	Quantity in Inventory	Unit of Measure	Rate per Pound	Eligible Amount
Ginseng			Pounds		

**IMPORTANT: Read thoroughly before signing**

This form must be completed by all Applicants

Please  appropriate box  Sole Proprietor  Partnership  Corporation  Cooperative

Name of Producer / Applicant reflected on pg. 1 of Application:

All individuals/shareholders/partners/members who have an interest in the Partnership, Corporation, or Cooperative, are listed below. None of which have an outstanding liability under any previous Ginseng Storage Loan Guarantee Pilot Program loan advances.

Full Legal Name (first, middle, last) or Company Name	Complete Mailing Address	Phone #	Email Address	Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd)	Interest/ Shares in Operation
					%
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					%
					%

This Guarantee shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario.

In consideration of \$1.00 (the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and accepted) and in order to induce ACC to extend credit facilities to the Producer(s), the undersigned, together with successors and assigns (collectively or individually the "Guarantor") hereby guarantee the obligations and repayment of any advances, but not to exceed \$1,000,000 at any given time, plus interest, and any costs incurred by ACC to recover the outstanding amount, including ACC collection costs, legal costs such as costs relating to attorneys, paralegals, legal expenses, expenses for bankruptcy, post-judgement, appeals, court costs, in addition to all other amounts permitted by law and approved by the Minister on a full indemnity basis, hereunder given by, or to, the Producer(s), now or in the future.

The Guarantor shall be considered as primarily liable to ACC and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. It is hereby acknowledged and agreed that the liability hereunder shall not be limited or reduced by any variation in or departure from the provisions of this Application and Producer Loan Agreement, nor by ACC or the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs granting time, taking or giving up security, accepting proposals or granting releases or discharges or otherwise dealing with the outstanding amounts owing. Neither ACC nor the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs shall be bound to exhaust their recourse against the Producer(s) or against any other person or persons before enforcing its rights against the Guarantor.

The Guarantor(s) agree(s) that this Guarantee shall be binding upon the undersigned Guarantor(s), collectively or individually. The Guarantor(s) acknowledge(s) that consideration has been given.

No alteration or waiver of this guarantee or any of its Terms or Conditions shall be binding on ACC, unless expressly made in writing of the Guarantor's intent to limit this guarantee, in which notice received will only affect subsequent advances after the written notice has been received and acknowledged by Agricultural Credit Corporation.

Should the Producer's legal business structure or the Ginseng Storage Loan Guarantee Pilot Program change, this loan agreement shall not terminate. ACC shall obtain a written Amendment to this loan agreement to be acknowledged and signed by the Guarantor(s), collectively or individually.

**All Individuals/Shareholders/Partners/Members regardless of the percentage of voting shares that he/she owns in the business, must agree to be 100% personally liable for the advance and must date, print and sign this document.**

The undersigned hereby confirms and agrees that /We has/have read, understood and agrees to be bound by the Terms and Conditions of this Guarantee. Furthermore, by signing this document, I/We further understand and agree that action may be taken against me personally until full repayment of the default debt and applicable costs, and that my/our liability to ACC is unconditional and absolute.

I/We being an authorized individual, Shareholder, Partner, Member of the Sole Proprietor/Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as the case may be, hereunto set my/our hand and seal.

Signature	(Please Print Name)	Date
Signature	(Please Print Name)	Date
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Signature	(Please Print Name)	Date

This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, including by way of facsimile or electronic signature, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

Name of Producer / Applicant:
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I /We, being an Authorized Officer to legally bind the business (Sole Proprietor/Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative), as the case may be, acknowledge and certify that I/we have received the entire Application and Producer Loan Agreement (page 1- 11) which includes the Producer’s Declarations, Terms and Conditions, Privacy and Consent Disclosure, Security Assignment Agreement, Priority Agreement, attached hereto. I/We declare that the information completed in the entire Application and Producer Loan Agreement is true and accurate. This Application & Producer Loan Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the province/territory where the Producer’s operate. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, including by way of facsimile or electronic signature, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

As indicated on page 2 under the Application & Producer Loan Agreement, the Assignor hereby transfers, assigns any indemnity and sets over to ACC all of his/her/their right, title and interest in the proceeds to be received from the sale of the stored ginseng taken as security for this Advance, in the current year and all future years until such a time as the loan Advance for which this security was taken has been paid in full, a liability to ACC no longer exists, and the security is released by ACC.

**I/We further acknowledge, understand, and agree that the signing/execution, as directed below evidences my/our understanding and agreement to be bound by all the terms and conditions and comply with such terms and conditions set out in the Application and Producer Loan Agreement, including repaying the advance plus interest and all related costs on a full indemnity basis. I/We agree that the application instructions, priority agreement, and all relevant attachments form part of this contract.**

**If a Sole Proprietor, Corporation or Cooperative, one Authorized Signature is required.**

**If a Partnership, all Partners must sign.**

Signature of Sole Proprietor/ Shareholder/Partner/Member	(Please Print Name) Sole Proprietor/ Shareholder/Partner/Member	Date
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**FOR ACC USE ONLY- ADMINISTRATOR ATTESTATION**

Delivered and attested to for Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) --ACC declares having taken all necessary steps, in accordance with the OIC, and the GSLGPP Program Guidelines, to ensure, to the best of ACC’s abilities, that the current GSLGPP Application by the Producer(s) is accurate and complete before granting the above-mentioned an Eligible Advance. This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. Signature of Administrator (authorized representative) X \_\_\_\_\_



**BEFORE YOU SEND... TO Avoid Delays**

Please forward documents to ACC by fax (519-800-1324) or email to [advance@agcreditcorp.ca](mailto:advance@agcreditcorp.ca)

- Loan Application:** Verify all sections completely filled and signed by all parties;
- AgriStability:** Enrollment Confirmation
- Financial Statement/Income Tax Return, including Statement A** (All new producers, otherwise if requested) Refer to pg.1
- New Applicants:** Proof of Canadian Citizenship (e.g. Canadian Birth Certificate, Driver’s Licence). Refer to pg.1
- New Applicants or if change:** Legal Documents (e.g. Articles of Incorporation). Refer to pg. 1
- Void Cheque** (Copy of Void Cheque only applicable if applying for the 1st time or if changed from prior year).



**2026**

**GINSENG STORAGE LOAN GUARANTEE PILOT  
 PROGRAM (GSLGPP)  
 PRODUCER LOAN AGREEMENT**

**Terms and  
 Conditions**

(Not required to return. For your reference)

PROGRAM COMMENCES ON APRIL 1, 2026, AND TERMINATES ON MARCH 31, 2029		
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT	ADVANCE AVAILABLE "From" and "To" Date	REPAYMENT DEADLINE
Ginseng in Storage	April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027	March 31, 2029

# PRODUCER LOAN AGREEMENT TERMS & CONDITIONS

In consideration of ACC granting an Eligible Advance pursuant to the provisions of the GSLGPP, the parties hereunto agree as follows:

## 1.0 Important Terms

"ACC" or "Administrator" means Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC), which the Minister has designated as being responsible for administering the Ginseng Storage Loan Guarantee Pilot Program (GSLGPP);

"Producer Loan" means a loan by the Administrator to an Eligible Producer in accordance with the requirements of the current Order-In-Council (OIC) and any additional requirements set out in the Guidelines. All Producer Loan Advances will be made directly to the bank account the Producer has supplied to ACC by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT);

"Producer Loan Agreement" means the completed Program Application, all Appendices forming part thereof and all Amendments thereto including these Terms and Conditions upon which the Administrator will provide a Producer Loan to a Producer;

"Producer Loan Credit Review" under the Ginseng Storage Loan Guarantee Pilot Program, means a review of the Applicant's creditworthiness and includes the following:

- A check of the Administrator's own records in respect of the Applicant;
- Searches under the *Personal Property Security Act* and the *Bank Act (Canada)*;
- Loan history under the *Advance Payment for Crops Act (Canada)*;
- A check with one or more reputable credit rating agencies;
- A check with at least one credit reference provided by Farm Credit Canada, or successor entity, or the Applicant's bank, credit union, cause populaire or trust company licensed to carry on business in Ontario or another province of Canada as a lender of money;
- Any information provided by the Ministry regarding any money owing to the Crown; and
- Any other requirements set out under the Program Guidelines;

"Advance Rate" means the rate as set out in ACC's Product & Rate List and used in the Calculation Worksheets for calculating Eligible Advances issued. The Advance Rate is \$39.07 per kilogram (kg) or \$17.72 per pound (lb). The Minister may re-adjust, from time to time, the advance rate during the advance term; any subsequent request for an advance will be issued based on the new advance rate, if applicable;

"Agricorp" means the corporation established by the *Agricorp Act, 1996, S. O. 1996, c. 17*, its successors and assigns;

"Applicant" means a Person that is in the business of producing ginseng, or has produced ginseng and holds said ginseng in storage, and has applied to the Administrator for a Producer Loan;

"Business Risk Management Program" means those Programs set out in this Program Guidelines;

"GSLGPP" or "Program" means the Ginseng Storage Loan Guarantee Pilot Program established by Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for the Province of Ontario (OMAFRA) and administered by ACC;

"Crown" means His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario;

"Eligible Commodity" or "Agricultural Product" means ginseng held in storage as set out in the OIC or OMAFRA's Program Guidelines;

"GSA" means a general security agreement;

"Fees" shall be the fee to be paid by the Producer that is to be deducted from the Loan as more particularly detailed under "Fees" in the Terms and Conditions of this Application;

"Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs or such other Minister who may be designated from time to time as the responsible Minister in relation to the *Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Act* or the Program (as the case may be) in accordance with the Executive Council Act or any other Act of the Legislature that allows another Minister to be designated as the responsible Minister, unless the context indicates otherwise;

"OMAFRA" means the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for the Province of Ontario;

"PAD" means Pre-Authorized Debit;

"PMSI" means a purchase-money security interest under the *Personal Property Security Act*;

"Person" means a legally-recognized entity and may include an individual or a corporation;

"Producer" means a Person that is in the business of producing ginseng in Ontario, or has produced ginseng in Ontario and holds said produced ginseng in storage in Ontario, and has been issued a Producer Loan by the Administrator;

"Proceeds" means any money, domestic or foreign, money's worth or any other proceeds derived by a Producer, directly or indirectly, from the Eligible Stored Ginseng;

"Producer Holdback" means the amount of money (2% of the loan advance) the Administrator is required to hold back from each Producer Loan it provides to a Producer under the Program;

"Program Guidelines" means any written documents setting out the criteria governing the operation of the Ginseng Storage Loan Guarantee Pilot Program and posted on the Ministry's Internet site <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/busdev/facts/commodityloanguaranteeprogram.htm>;

"Program Year" means the period of April 1 of one calendar year until March 31 of the following calendar year for the purpose of advancing funds;

"Related Documents" means, any promissory note, loan agreement, guarantees, security agreement, or any other documents executed in connection with or forming part of this Application or any other application for a loan by ACC to the Producer or related thereto, whether already existing or executed now or later and whether in electronic or other format; and

"Stored Security" means the ginseng an Applicant has stored and in which the Administrator will take a security interest should the Administrator issue a Producer Loan to the Applicant.

## 2.0 Eligibility Requirements for Producers

In order to be eligible under the Program, the Producer must meet and/or comply with all of requirements set out under the Order-In-Council (OIC), and the Program Guidelines. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing this includes the following:

- a. The Producer must be a Person;
- b. The Producer applies to the Administrator for a Producer Loan and pays the applicable fee;
- c. The Producer does not owe the Administrator any money as a result of any previous defaulted Producer Loans the Producer has received from the Administrator under this Program or any other loans under other programs the Administrator is responsible for administering;
- d. The Producer does not owe the Crown any money;
- e. The Producer produces ginseng in Ontario or has produced ginseng in Ontario and that ginseng is capable of being Stored Security;
- f. The Producer agrees to undertake and provides the requisite information for the Administrator's Producer Loan Credit Review;
- g. The Producer agrees to be enrolled in AgriStability and forward any payments received under AgriStability to the Administrator, and
- h. The Producer agrees to satisfy any other security-related requirements necessary to ensure that the Producer Loan is properly secured;
- i. The Producer agrees to pay the Producer Holdback;
- j. The Producer agrees to sign the Producer Loan Agreement;
- k. The Producer agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions set out in the OIC, Program Guidelines, and the Producer Loan Agreement;
- l. The Producer agrees to provide information requested by the Ministry for policy-review purposes within the timelines set out in the request; and
- m. Agrees to abide by any other grounds the Minister sets out in the Program Guidelines.

### 3.0 Eligibility Requirements for Producer Loans (Security)

Any Producer Loan entered under the Program will comply with the requirements set out under the OIC and this Program Guidelines. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this includes the following:

- a. The Producer Loan is made for the purpose of providing a Producer with funds for stored ginseng;
- b. Prior to entering the Producer Loan, the Administrator has undertaken a Producer Loan Credit Review and the Producer has passed the Loan Credit Review;
- c. The Producer Loan is secured by:
  - i) The Stored Security itself,
  - ii) Payments the Producer is eligible to receive under AgriStability, or accounts receivable
  - iii) The proceeds from the sale of ginseng,
  - iv) The Producer Holdback, and
  - v) Any other security set out under the Guidelines;
- d. The Producer Loan must be repayable by the Producer at any time without notice, penalty or bonus;
- e. The Producer loan is subject to audit at any time by the Auditor General of Ontario, the Minister or their authorized representatives;
- f. The Administrator is not allowed to assign the Producer Loan to any other Person without the Minister's prior written consent;
- g. The Producer Loan becomes due the earlier of: when the ginseng being stored is sold, at the end of the term, or upon demand; no interim payments are required;
- h. The Producer Loan, or combination of Producer Loans, is in an amount no greater than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per Producer;
- i. Agricultural Credit Corporation shall also do or cause to be done the following in relation to a Producer Loan issued to a Producer:
  - i) Obtain a GSA between the Administrator and the Producer whereby the Administrator has a first charge against all the Producer's assets and any Proceeds thereof, or
  - ii) Register a PMSI in accordance with the *Personal Property Security Act* against the ginseng in inventory used by the Producer pursuant to the Producer Loan such that the Administrator has a first charge against the ginseng in storage and any Proceed thereof.

### 4.0 Creation of Security Interest:

- a. For value received and as general and continuing security for the repayment of the Producer Loan, including costs of enforcement, interest and any ultimate unpaid balance thereof owed by the Producer to ACC and to secure payment and performance of the Obligations by the Producer, the Producer hereby charges in favour of and grants to ACC a security interest as described in these Terms and Conditions.
- b. The Producer hereby grants to ACC a continuing security interest in the Producer's Ginseng, in any Ginseng produced in a subsequent production period by the Producer and all proceeds, to secure repayment of the Producer's debt owing to ACC arising from this Producer Loan Agreement. The Producer declares that ACC's security interest in the Ginseng shall rank prior to the interest of any other secured creditor or security holder and the Producer shall assist ACC in obtaining Priority Agreements from all secured creditors, including input suppliers who have or may be entitled to have a security interest in the Ginseng. The Producer agrees and consents to, that upon default, ACC has the right to seize the Producer's Ginseng wherever situated, sell the Ginseng as it sees fit and use the sales proceeds to reduce the Producer's debt owing to ACC arising from this Producer Loan Agreement, including interest and legal costs on a full indemnity basis.
- c. For all Advances, the Producer hereby agrees to transfers the Producer's current and future BRM Program payments to ACC to further repay all monies owing by the Producer to ACC arising from this Producer Loan Agreement. The Producer acknowledges and agrees that all BRM Program payments (including Interim Payments) will be paid to ACC until the Producer's debt owing to ACC arising from this Producer Loan Agreement is repaid in full;
- d. If it has not already been done, the Producer(s) authorizes ACC to register or otherwise perfect/publish the security in accordance with the laws and regulations of the province (i.e. PPSA) where the Ginseng is located on the Advance issued to the Producer. Should the Producer go into default, the Producer(s) authorizes ACC to register a lien against any future Ginseng to cover the portion of the default and all applicable related costs to recover debt. For greater clarity, the Producer agrees, understands and authorizes ACC to register financing statements at such provincial Property Security registries. The Producer hereby waives all rights to receive from ACC a copy of any financing statement or confirmation statement issued at any time respecting ACC's security interests;
- e. The Producer shall have insurance on the entire Ginseng in storage for which the Advance was made to the full extent of the Advance, for all insurable perils, until the Producer's liability is repaid. The Producer further agrees that any payout of this insurance will first be used to repay any outstanding Advance;
- f. If the Ginseng or a portion of the Ginseng for which an Advance was made ceases to be in marketable condition, through no fault of the Producer, the Producer shall immediately inform ACC and the Producer becomes liable to ACC for the portion of the guaranteed Advance, together with outstanding interest on the interest-bearing portion from the date of the Advance, that is attributable to the unmarketable portion of the Ginseng;
- g. For all Advances issued under this Agreement, the Producer must inform ACC of any changes to the security coverage on their Advance. ACC must then recalculate the Maximum Eligible Advance which may be used as a trigger for an Overpayment.

### 5.0 Credit Evaluation and Inspections

- a. **In evaluating the Producer's credit worthiness** (includes Related Producers such as Partners, Shareholders, Members, Guarantors), ACC is required to exercise due diligence in granting a Producer Loan Advance under the Program. The Producer must submit financial documents when requested by ACC or its authorized agents, or as requested in the Application. ACC or its authorized agents have the right to perform a credit check ("Producer Loan Credit Review") on the Producer or on any of the Producer's Partners/Shareholders/Members at any time during the term of this Producer Loan Agreement. ACC reserves the right to decline any Applicant. If declined, an appeal process is available by a person or persons, not involved in the original decision.
- b. **Inspection and Audits** - Any Person that participates in the Program as a Producer is subject to an inspection and/or audit that may be conducted in relation to the Program for the enforcement of the rules, Terms and Conditions of the Program. An inspection may be conducted by the Minister, ACC, the Minister's or ACC's respective delegates between normal business hours and any time while the loan is outstanding, and to request the Producer repays shortfalls within thirty (30) calendar days. Where an inspection and/or audit takes place, the Producer will provide reasonable assistance. This includes allowing an inspector or auditor access to any person, place or thing required for inspection or auditing purposes. Any Person that participates in the Program as a Producer will provide all requested information within ten (10) Business Days of the request being made by the Minister or the Administrator, including their respective delegates, unless more time has been provided in the request. Refusal of an inspection or audits will result in an immediate default.

### 6.0 Fees and Holdback

- a. A \$675 Administration fee will be deducted from the initial Advance of a Program Year for administrative services (e.g. receiving and processing applications, credit checks, lien searches, lien registrations);
- b. Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) payments will be charged a \$100 NSF Administration fee at time of occurrence and added to your loan balance;
- c. Any request for mailed documents (statement, application, etc.) will incur a \$5 fee to your total loan balance. Online and faxed submissions are free. Any costs incurred by ACC for couriering documents at your request will be added to your loan balance;
- d. An additional standard Collection Administration fee at the rate of 3% will be applied to the outstanding balance as of thirty (30) calendar days after default to recover costs related to the recovery of outstanding amounts from the Producer who is in default under the Producer Loan Agreement;
- e. A refundable 2% holdback will be deducted from all loan Advance Electronic Fund Transfers (interest will not be charged on holdback).

### 7.0 Issuance of the Advance

- a. Issuance of the Advance: In all instances, the Producer must have sufficient security available (e.g. Ginseng in Storage) to justify the Eligible Advance in accordance with the amount requested by the Producer. Once confirmed, ACC shall then issue 100% of the Eligible Advance on the Ginseng in Storage, as specified in this Application, using the applicable Advance Rate and Calculation Worksheet from ACC's Product & Rate List available on ACC's website @ [www.agcreditcorp.ca](http://www.agcreditcorp.ca).

- b. The Advance will be reduced if the Priority Agreements from secured creditors reflects a cap, in addition to being reduced by any applicable Administration fees. Applicants are subject to an inspection and a further review of the Producer's financial statements, or most recent income tax returns as specified in this Application or at ACC's discretion.
- c. All Producer Loan Advances will be issued by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) to the bank account provided by the Producer on the Application.

## 8.0 Interest Rate

- a. The interest rate on the Loan, (excluding the Holdback) up to and including the maturity date, shall be the Bank Prime lending rate in effect from time to time, calculated daily and compounded monthly. After maturity and after default the rate of interest on the Loan (excluding the Holdback) shall be the Bank Prime lending rate in effect from time to time plus 3%, calculated daily and compounded monthly. No interest shall be paid on the Holdback by ACC.
- b. "Bank Prime Lending Rate" shall mean the floating annual rate of interest, including any charges of an equivalent nature thereto or such other measurement of rate of return or return on investment or substitute therefore, established from time to time by chartered banks as the base rate it uses to determine rates of interest on Canadian dollar loans to customers in Canada and designated by chartered banks as the prime lending rate.

## 9.0 Maturity/Repayment Due Date

Subject to any earlier date as set forth in the "Events of Default" Section, the Producer shall repay the Loan and all accrued interest and fees upon the earlier of:

- a. When the ginseng being stored is sold or determined to be unsalvageable in accordance with the *Agricultural Products Insurance Act, 1996*;
- b. Within three (3) years after the date the Producer Loan Agreement is signed, to a maximum of March 31, 2029; or
- c. Upon demand.

Repayment can be made via (i) pre-authorized payment scheduled at time of application, or by calling or emailing our repayment department; or (ii) through your financial institution online by selecting the payment company "AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATION" as the payee. For more information, please reach out to our repayment department.

## 10.0 Events of Default

The Loan and all accrued interest and costs including all amounts set out in the Terms and Conditions on a full indemnity basis together with all other monies payable or otherwise owed by the Producer to ACC shall, at the option of ACC where ACC determines in its absolute discretion that any of the following events of default have occurred, become immediately due and payable and any security held by ACC for the payment thereof shall become immediately enforceable in each and any one of the following events:

- a. Any representation made, or information or warranty provided by the Producer in relation to the Producer Loan is, or was at the time of its making, false or misleading;
- b. The Producer fails to comply with any covenant contained in the Producer Loan Agreement within ten (10) business days of the Administrator notifying the Producer of the non-compliance;
- c. The Producer fails to provide information required under the OIC, the Program Guidelines or a Producer Loan Agreement within ten (10) business days of the request being made by the Minister or the Administrator (as the case may be);
- d. The Producer fails to cooperate in respect of an audit or inspection performed by the Auditor General of Ontario, the Minister or the Administrator or their respective representatives (as the case may be) in relation to the Producer Loan;
- e. The Producer sells or conveys assets of the farming operation that formed a basis for the Producer Loan application;
- f. The Producer has given a preference to any creditor (e.g. bank or input supplier) other than the Administrator without the Administrator's prior written approval;
- g. The Producer makes an assignment for the benefit of the Producer's creditors;
- h. The ginseng in storage is used as security for another loan;
- i. Any execution or other legal process of any court becomes enforceable against the Producer;
- j. The insolvency of the Producer or the appointment of a receiver, manager, trustee or liquidator in respect of any property of the Producer;
- k. The Producer fails to pay or otherwise perform as and when due, whether by maturity or by acceleration, any obligations, liabilities or indebtedness owed to the Administrator in relation to the Producer Loan;
- l. The institution of a proceeding in bankruptcy against the Producer, whether voluntary or involuntary, or the institution of proceedings by the Producer to obtain relief against the Administrator or other creditors in general;
- m. A Material Adverse Change occurs;
- n. Any other grounds set out in these Terms and Conditions, the Program Guidelines, or the OIC.

### Upon default, the Producer is liable to ACC for:

- a. The outstanding amount of the guaranteed Advance;
- b. The interest at the rate specified in these Terms and Conditions on the outstanding amount of the Advance;
- c. Costs incurred by ACC to recover the outstanding amount and interest including legal costs such as costs relating to attorneys, paralegals, legal expenses, expenses for bankruptcy, post-judgement, appeals, court costs, in addition to all other amounts permitted by law and approved by the Minister on a full indemnity basis; and
- d. An additional standard Collection fee at the rate of 3% will be applied to the outstanding balance thirty (30) days after the date of default to recover costs related to the recovery of outstanding amounts from the Producer who is in default under the Producer Loan Agreement;

### In the event that the Producer is unable to repay the Producer Loan, the Administrator:

- a. Will use the Producer Holdback to pay any outstanding debt owing under the Producer Loan;
- b. Will, if a debt still exists under the Producer Loan, use reasonable steps, such as entering into a payment schedule with the defaulting Producer, to recover on that outstanding debt from the Producer;
- c. Will, if it is not possible to use other reasonable steps to recover the debt, liquidate any and all security the Administrator holds in relation to that Producer's Producer Loan to pay any outstanding debt owing under the Producer Loan;
- d. May, if a debt still exists under the Producer Loan, make a claim on the Guarantee to pay any outstanding debt owing under the Producer Loan.

The Administrator will be subrogated in and to all the rights of recovery of the Administrator in respect of the Producer Loan, any security and any of the Producer's insurance and is entitled to exercise all of the rights, powers and privileges that the Administrator has or may exercise in respect of the Producer Loan, any security and any of the Producer's insurance, including the right to commence or continue any court action to execute any release, transfer, sale or assignment, or in any way to collect and realize on any security or any of the Producer's insurance or enforce the Producer Loan; The Administrator will notify the Minister of the Producer's default.

## 11.0 Money Owing to The Crown

Any payments owing to the Crown as a result of the Minister making a payment on the Guarantee will be considered a debt that is owed to the Crown and may be set-off against any other payment the Crown or His Majesty the King in Right of Canada may owe to the person that owes the Crown a payment in accordance with section 43 of the *Financial Administration Act (Ontario)* and/or section 155 of the *Financial Administration Act (Canada)*.

The right of set-off is in addition to any other legal remedies the Crown may have in law, equity or otherwise to recover a debt that is owed to the Crown. The Crown may charge interest on any debt that it is owed under this Program at the applicable interest rate that is being charged by the Crown for debts owing to the Crown.

## **12.0 The Producer(s) signing this GSLGPP Application hereby declare(s) and certify that they meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Application and all Terms and Conditions of this Producer Loan Agreement:**

1. I am applying as an Individual or on behalf of the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative which I represent, and have authority to make an application for an Eligible Advance pursuant to the Ginseng Storage Loan Guarantee Pilot Program (GSLGPP) and confirm the application reflects the current organizational structure since the previous filing of the Applicant's Declaration, if applicable;
2. I am, or at least one of the Partners/Shareholders/Members of the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative which I represent is of the age of majority and a Canadian citizen or a Permanent Resident of Canada within the meaning of Subsection 2(1) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*; and farm in Ontario;
3. I am, or at least one of the Partners/Shareholders/Members of the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative which I represent is the owner of the Ginseng in storage, and is responsible for marketing the said Ginseng pledged in this Application and Producer Loan Agreement;
4. No other person has or will be given an interest in the Ginseng with respect to which this GSLGPP Application is made and the Ginseng will be sold in my/our name or the name of the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative which I/we represent and in the same name as the Applicant;
5. For the purpose of applying as a Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative all Partners/Shareholders/Members who have an interest in the entity are listed in this GSLGPP Application and Producer Loan Agreement;
6. I/We am/are not required by the *Income Tax Act (Canada)* to report income from other farming operations or other corporations carrying on a farm business, other than the one(s) named in this GSLGPP Application, otherwise I/we have listed in this GSLGPP Application all other farming operations and corporations carrying on farm operations in which I/we have an interest;
7. Neither I, nor any of the farming operations listed in this GSLGPP Application and Producer Loan Agreement, nor the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, are in Default under any Agreement pursuant to the Ginseng Storage Loan Guarantee Pilot Program (GSLGPP), *Advance Payments for Crops Act (APCA)*, the *Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act (PGAPA)*, *SCAP*, *ESCAP*, or *AMPA; OMAFRA*;
8. I/we or the Partners, as applicable, declare having submitted the duly completed Application information for ACC to initiate Priority Agreements required for every secured creditor that has an assignment on the proceeds of inventory used to secure the Advance, as applicable, and/or holds a lien or encumbrance on the Ginseng listed in this Application and Producer Loan Agreement, or could have security interest in or lien on the Ginseng in storage for which the Advance is to be made;
9. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as applicable, and Guarantor(s), agree(s) that a credit check and an inspection or audit of the Ginseng in storage may be performed at any time while the Advance is outstanding, and to pay the applicable fees listed these Terms & Conditions;
10. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as applicable, declare that I/we have read and understand the Fees, including Collection Fee's, Interest Charges, Holdback, and Fees outlined in the Terms and Conditions and agree that ACC will deduct from the Advance the applicable fees, and add relevant fees to the loan balance as outlined in these Terms & Conditions (e.g. any postage/ mailing, courier related costs, NSF fees, collection/default fees);
11. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as applicable, declare that I/we are aware there could be a change in the Advance Rate any time in the production year to better accommodate current market prices; that any subsequent request(s) for an Advance will be issued based on the new Advance Rate, if applicable;
12. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as applicable, declare that my/our Ginseng is of marketable quality and stored or maintained, as such, until disposed of in accordance with the Producer Loan Agreement. I/We further agree, if the Stored Ginseng becomes unmarketable, to notify ACC and to repay the Advance within thirty (30) calendar days, otherwise be declared in default;
13. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative declare the only liens or encumbrances on the Stored Ginseng are those listed in this GSLGPP Application;
14. In the event of a default, I/we, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative or its Shareholders/Members/Partners, as the case may be, which I/we represent, acknowledge that I/we or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative or its Shareholders/Members/Partners may be denied access to other provincial agricultural support programming or, alternatively, the Minister reserves the right to off-set from such support a sum equal to the outstanding amount and related interest charges and all recovery costs;
15. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as the case may be, declare that this GSLGPP Application is consistent with the purpose of the GSLGPP;
16. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as the case may be, declare and certify that all of the information provided in this Application is complete, accurate, true and correct in every respect and acknowledge and understand that providing false or misleading information will result in an automatic default with the loss of all benefits related to the GSLGPP;
17. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as the case may be, understand that failing to comply with the GSLGPP Application and Producer Loan Agreement requirements may delay the processing of the GSLGPP Application or may render me/us or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative which I/we represent ineligible for receiving Eligible Advance(s) under the GSLGPP;
18. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as the case may be, acknowledge that, in cases where the Producer is declared in default and the Minister makes payment under the Guarantee, the Minister is subrogated to ACC's rights against the Producer in default and against persons who may be personally liable under this Producer Loan Agreement;
19. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as the case may be, declare that I/we have not recently filed a notice of intention to make a proposal or made a proposal under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*. I/We am/are not subject to a receiving order under that Act, are not bankrupt or seeking protection under any other insolvency or bankruptcy related statute such as the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* and the *Farm Debt Mediation Act*;
20. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as the case may be, have read all the Terms and Conditions which are attached to and form part of this GSLGPP Application, including those in this Section and I/we and the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative which I/we represent agree to comply with all such Terms and Conditions and to provide any additional information required in order to demonstrate to ACC that I/we is/are capable of meeting my/our obligations under the Producer Loan Agreement;
21. I/We acknowledge and agree that I/we am/are solely responsible for meeting all deadlines and will ensure if a third party submits payments or documents on my/our behalf, that it/they is/are received in ACC's office on time. Failing this I/we understand that I/we will be declared in default;
22. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as the case may be, have received, or have had the opportunity to receive independent legal advice with respect to the subject matter of this GSLGPP Application, including each of the Appendices attached hereto and each of the Agreements I/we have made in this GSLGPP Application;
23. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as the case may be, acknowledge and agree that the execution by the Producer as directed in this Application and Producer Loan Agreement evidences Producer's agreement to be bound by all Terms and Conditions contained in this Application and each of the Appendices attached hereto, including without limitation in respect of any assignment, undertaking, covenant, agreement, consent, authorization (including authorization for Pre-Authorized Debits), acknowledgement, representation and/or declaration of the Producer's included in this Application and each of the Appendices attached hereto and if applicable, additional documentation required such as Seeded Acreage Reports;
24. I, or the Partnership/Corporation/Cooperative, as the case may be, agree to immediately pay to ACC upon demand all amounts ACC pays or incurs in maintaining or enforcing its security and the Obligations, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all legal, search and registration fees, all costs and expenses in respect of inspecting, protecting, insuring, possessing, cultivating or harvesting all or any part of the Collateral including preparing the Collateral for sale and selling it, collecting any part of the Loan or other monies payable to ACC including legal fees and expenses on a substantial indemnity basis in so doing and interest thereon as herein provided;
25. I/We authorize ACC to amend sections of the application upon request of my/our, the Applicant's (borrower's), phone recorded verbal consent, and upon ACC obtaining security questions from the borrower without the requirement of a written consent to correct any mistakes, omission, inconsistency as well as give consent such as I/our request to add names to our account for disclosure purposes; adding a commodity or amending a commodity at second stage and obtaining

an Assignment on the commodity advanced that is based on our confirmed seeded acreage reports; scheduling a Pre-Authorized Debit payment. Except as specifically provided of what may be amended, the Producer Loan Agreement shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect. Such amendments may be executed in one or more counterparts all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall be effective when ACC delivers a confirmation of amendments to the Applicant's email provided on page 1 of the Loan Application & Producer Loan Agreement.

### 13.0 PRIVACY AND CONSENT TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

**Producer(s) and Guarantor(s) hereby authorize(s) and consent(s)** to the obtaining by ACC, OMAFRA and its agent, UpLevel Global, or any other agent that may be selected by ACC, of credit information, including, but not limited to your credit history, a credit report, other financial related information, inventory levels, relating to the Producer(s) and Guarantor(s) from affiliated and subsidiary companies of ACC, credit bureaus, agencies, banks, credit unions, trust companies, financial institutions, creditors, guarantors, lenders, grain elevators, producer organizations, Farm Credit Canada (FCC), suppliers, government ministries, departments and agencies (federal, provincial or territorial) and such other third parties as ACC shall decide upon from time to time (all of the foregoing hereinafter "Third Parties") and to the collection, use and disclosure by ACC to any such Third Party, or by any such Third Party to ACC, of the personal, business and commercial information about Producer(s) and Guarantor(s) for the purpose of: **(i)** verifying and determining the Producer's eligibility and continuing eligibility for Eligible Advance(s), including verifying inventory levels, sales information, with grain elevators, buyers, producer organizations; **(ii)** verifying and determining the status of Eligible Advance(s); **(iii)** assignment and realizing on the security for Eligible Advance(s); **(iv)** verifying and determining the indebtedness of Producer(s) to Third Parties and/or the creditworthiness of the Producer(s), and **(v)** obtaining Priority Agreements;

I/We authorize a complete and signed copy of this GSLGPP Application and Producer Loan Agreement can be provided and relied upon by Third Parties as Producer's and Guarantor's authorization and consent for the Third Parties to such disclosures;

**Producer(s) and Guarantor(s) hereby authorize(s) and consent(s) to:** the collection, use and disclosure by ACC from and to all such persons listed as Producer(s) and Guarantor(s) hereunder and all such persons listed in the authorization form attached hereto ("Authorized Persons") and to OMAFRA, AAFC, and Farm Credit Canada (FCC) of the personal, business and commercial information about Producer(s) for the purpose of:

**(i)** verifying and determining the Producer's eligibility and continuing eligibility for Eligible Advance(s); **(ii)** verifying and determining the status of Eligible Advance(s); **(iii)** assignment and realizing on the security for Eligible Advance(s); and, **(iv)** verifying and determining the indebtedness of Producer(s) to Third Parties and/or the creditworthiness of the Producer(s);

Unless a Producer withdraws consent by notifying ACC by email at [advance@agcreditcorp.ca](mailto:advance@agcreditcorp.ca) or by calling 1-888-278-8807, the Producer hereby authorizes and consents to the use by ACC of the personal, business and commercial information about the Producer for the purpose of contacting the Producer(s) to provide information in relation to other programs offered or administered by ACC;

**Producer(s) and Guarantor(s) hereby authorize(s) and consent(s) to:**

- a) the disclosure by OMAFRA, AGRICORP and/or other Provincial Insurance/BRM Program agencies to ACC and OMAFRA to each other of such information regarding Producer(s) as either may have in their respective files, including but not limited to those of any Crop or Production Insurance and BRM Program, Seeded Acreage Reports, Final Yields, Premium Payment Confirmation, Proof of Loss or other claims in which ACC has assignment;
- b) the disclosure by ACC of such information as is contained in or related to this GSLGPP Application to OMAFRA, AAFC, AGRICORP and/or other Provincial Insurance/BRM Program agencies and the use of such information by OMAFRA, AGRICORP and/or other Provincial Insurance/BRM Program agencies as authorized by the *Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Act*, R. S. O. 1990, c. M. 16. as amended or re-enacted from time to time. For the purpose of registering the assignments, Producer(s) consent(s) that ACC will register the assignment and update producer balances with the Business Risk Management Agencies such as AGRICORP, as new transactions occur. Producer(s) acknowledge(s) that information held by OMAFRA, AGRICORP or other Provincial Insurance/BRM Program agencies may be disclosed to Third Parties pursuant to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Questions and concerns regarding such collections, use and disclosure by OMAFRA and/or AGRICORP should be directed to: The Director, Farm Assistance Programs Branch, OMAFRA and/or AGRICORP, 1 Stone Road West, Guelph, Ontario (N1G 4Y2);
- c) the obtaining from and disclosure by Third Parties to ACC and OMAFRA, of the Producer's sales reports; and

**Producer(s) and Guarantor(s) hereby authorize(s) and consent(s) to ACC and OMAFRA:**

- a) collecting the information contained in, with, or pursuant to this GSLGPP Application;
- b) using the information for the purposes of assessing the GSLGPP Application, administering, auditing, analyzing and evaluating the GSLGPP;
- c) conveying the information contained in this GSLGPP Application and associated documentation, both personal and otherwise, to provincial governments and their agencies, insurance agencies, financial institutions, input suppliers, buyers, agents selected by ACC to inspect for the purposes of verifying GSLGPP entitlements, inclusive of inventories, sales information, to justify eligibility and continued eligibility for Advance(s), assignment and realization of security; and
- d) conveying the information contained in this GSLGPP Application and associated documentation, both personal and otherwise, to other organizations administering the GSLGPP, for the purposes of verifying benefits under the GSLGPP;
- e) conveying the information contained in this GSLGPP Application and associated documentation, both personal and otherwise, to other secured creditors, including input suppliers where the Producer's loan Advance is to be made payable to the Producer and to another business who has security interest;
- f) the Producer(s) agree(s) to allow the Minister the right to contact the Producer(s) for the purposes of evaluating the Program;
- g) the Producer(s) agree(s) where the loan is guaranteed by an Alternate Guarantor, that the Alternate Guarantor has rights to have full access to information relating to the Producer(s) loan advance, including, but not limited to, the loan status, balances, interest rate, repayment terms;
- h) ACC and OMAFRA agree that **(i)** the personal information provided will be protected under the federal *Privacy Act* and the provisions of the federal *Access to Information Act*; and, **(ii)** the personal information retained by OMAFRA will be held in Personal Information Bank PPU140. Producer(s) and Guarantor(s) may access its/their personal information held by OMAFRA by making a formal request under the *Privacy Act* in writing or by completing a Personal Information Request Form which is available through Info Source or at Web Site <http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/tbsf-fsct/350-58-eng.asp> Producer(s) request(s) should be emailed to: [minister.omafra@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.omafra@ontario.ca) or mailed to Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs 1 Stone Road West, Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2. Tel 1-888-466-2372;
  - i) ACC and OMAFRA hereby give notice that all non-federal government organizations are obligated to protect personal information in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA)* or under legislation applicable within their jurisdiction. Producer(s) and Guarantor(s) may access its/their personal information held by ACC, obtain a copy of ACC's Privacy Policy or pose questions or concerns regarding privacy issues relating to ACC by contacting ACC's Privacy Compliance Officer at 1-888-278-8807;
  - ii) In the event ACC is notified by the holder of a registered Purchase Money Security Interest (PMSI) that it has security from Producer(s) for crop inputs supplied by such holder to Producer(s), the Producer(s) acknowledge(s) and confirm(s) that ACC may, in its uncontrolled and unfettered discretion, include the name of the holder(s) of such PMSI as payee(s) on Eligible Advance(s) advanced by ACC pursuant to this GSLGPP Application;

**i) Producer(s) hereby irrevocably authorize(s) and direct(s) ACC to:**

- i) deduct the Administration fee(s) as established by ACC, from the proceeds of the Eligible Advance(s); and,
- ii) Producer(s) acknowledge(s) and agree(s) that fees, holdback, collection fees and all fees listed the Terms and Conditions are payable to ACC by the Producer(s) and agree(s) that applicable fees shall be automatically applied to the Producer's accounts and withdrawn from the Producer's bank account in accordance with the Pre-Authorized clauses mentioned in the declarations below.

Producer(s) acknowledge(s) and agree(s) that the Producer's total indebtedness and repayment obligation applies to the amount actually advanced plus the Administration fee and all interest thereon;

**Producer(s) hereby constitute(s) and irrevocably appoint(s) ACC or any of its officers or directors as the Producer's lawful attorney for the purposes of:** making any amendments, deletions or additions to this GSLGPP Application that may be required to correct any errors or omissions that may be discovered in same, as well endorsing on Producer's behalf any cheques payable jointly to the Producer(s) and ACC, and shall be the Producer's irrevocable authority for so doing.

**Producer(s) acknowledge and accept that ACC transfers private information electronically and agrees for up to 3 years to electronic communications.**

**PRIVACY AND CONSENT TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION (THIRD PARTY SALES REPORTING) AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBITS (“PADS”)**

As part of this Producer Loan Agreement, ACC may utilize its authority under this Pre-Authorized Debit Agreement executed by the Producer to make repayments including any applicable interest, costs, and fees as detailed in this GSLGPP Application and Producer Loan Agreement.

**Sales Repayment Schedule:** I/We hereby authorize ACC to debit my/our bank account on the dates specified when reporting a sale via telephone, mail or email and as per the Terms and Conditions, for monies owing, including any applicable interest, costs, and fees as detailed in this GSLGPP Application and Producer Loan Agreement.

**In connection with Pre-Authorized Debits and repayments,** the Producer hereby agrees that ACC may and consent to such action, disclose or receive payment and credit information regarding the Producer to or from any Third Party as defined in the Declarations, Terms and Conditions for the purpose of facilitating notice of: (i) such amounts as are owing by the Producer(s), and (ii) such crop sale payments as are received by the Producer(s), all for purposes of making Pre-Authorized Debits in repayment of amounts owing by the Producer(s);

As such, I/we consent to ACC receiving a daily sales report from Third Parties and hereby authorize ACC to initiate a Pre-Authorized Debit from my/our bank account, due on the tenth (10) calendar day for the reported grain and oilseeds crop sales that I/we sell to the Ontario elevators/dealers if our Letter of Direction explicitly provides permission by the Producer Applicant to initiate a PAD. Otherwise, we understand that it is our responsibility to notify ACC of any sales and requesting a PAD to be scheduled.

**Outstanding Balance on Repayment Deadline:** In the event there remains an outstanding balance on the Repayment Deadline, it is the responsibility of the producer to contact ACC to make repayment arrangements for this balance (including any applicable interest and costs as detailed in this GSLGPP Application). In the event the Producer(s) is/are in default ACC will utilize its authority under the Pre-Authorized Debit Agreement to collect additional Default Administration fee payments.

**Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF):** I/We agree that if any payment is dishonoured by my/our bank for any reason, then ACC is authorized to issue another debit in place of the dishonoured payment until my/our payment is honoured. I/We agree that if any payment results with insufficient funds, ACC may re-present the payment for the same amount as the original transaction and agree that ACC will include an NSF service fee of \$100.00.

**Postage/Mailing/Courier and Inspection Fees:** I/We agree, and ACC is authorized to automatically issue a debit for any postage, mailing, courier and inspection fees as described under the Fees and Interest Charges section of these Terms and Conditions.

**Collection Fee:** In the event of a default, I/we authorize ACC to automatically debit my/our bank account 3% of the outstanding balance as detailed in this GSLGPP Application.

**I/We agree to waive my/our right to receive notice from ACC, of any Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) of the amount and date of each payment as per the Terms and Conditions of the Ginseng Storage Loan Guarantee Pilot Program Application and Producer Loan Agreement.**

**Prior Notice:** For any debit other than those listed in either the Terms and Conditions or for Third Party Sales reported, I/we agree to receive prior notice from ACC of the amounts to be debited from my/our bank account and the date of such debits at least ten (10) calendar days before the date of such debits. I/We agree to have these notices sent to the e-mail address provided on page 1 of the application. Where the Producer themselves requests a PAD be initiated via email or telephone, no further notice from ACC would be required.

**Notice to cancel PAD Authorizations:** I/We may revoke my/our authorization at any time by providing written notice to ACC of at least ten (10) days before the date my/our wish for the revocation is to take effect. To obtain a sample cancellation form, or for more information about my/our right to cancel this PAD Agreement, I/we may contact my/our financial institution or visit [www.cdnipay.ca](http://www.cdnipay.ca). I/We have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this Agreement. For example, I/we have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAD Agreement. To obtain more information on my/our recourse rights, I/we may contact my/our financial institution or visit [www.cdnipay.ca](http://www.cdnipay.ca). In the event that ACC debits an unauthorized amount, funds will be re-deposited into the bank account specified on page 1 of the Application within thirty (30) days of verbal or written notice from me/us to ACC.

## 14.0 General

**Record Keeping** - The Administrator will retain all records relating to any Administrator Loans and Producer Loans under the Program for a period of at least seven (7) years from the date in which the Administrator Loan or the Producer Loan (as the case may be) was issued.

**Entire Agreement** - Except for any other instrument delivered under the Application or in connection with this Application, this Application and the Related Documents constitute the entire agreement between ACC and the Producer with respect to the subject matter of it.

**Amendment** - Except as otherwise provided herein this Application and the Related Documents may not be amended or modified in any respect except in accordance with the provisions of them.

**Governing Law:** This Producer Loan Agreement and the rights, obligations and relations of Parties will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the applicable federal laws of Canada. Any actions or proceedings arising in connection with this Agreement will be conducted in the Courts of Ontario, which will have exclusive jurisdiction over such proceedings.

**Waiver and Consent** - No waiver of any provision of this Application or of the Related Documents or consent given pursuant to this Application or the Related Documents by ACC shall be effective unless in writing and duly executed by ACC. No failure or delay on the part of ACC in exercising any right or privilege shall operate as a waiver by ACC unless so evidenced by a written instrument. Any waiver or consent by ACC will not preclude the further or other exercise by ACC of any right, remedy, power or privilege which is the subject of waiver or consent.

**Notice** - All notices and other communications shall be addressed as follows: To the Producer: At the address set out in the Application and Related Documents. To ACC: Agricultural Credit Corporation, 660 Speedvale Avenue West, Suite 201, Guelph, Ontario N1K 1E5

**Survival of Representations, Warranties and Covenants** - All agreements, representations, warranties and covenants made by or on behalf of the Producer shall be considered to have been relied upon by ACC and shall survive the execution and delivery of this Application and any investigation made at any time by or on behalf of ACC.

**Further Assurances** - The Producer agrees that it will do, execute and deliver or will cause to be done, executed and delivered all further acts, documents and things as ACC may reasonably request for the purpose of giving effect to this Application and security interests created thereby.

**Severability** - Any provision in this Application, which is prohibited or unenforceable, shall be ineffective to the extent of prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provision of this Application.

**Time of the Essence** - Time shall be of the essence of this Application.

**Jurisdiction** - This Application shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Ontario.

**Assignment** - This Application shall endure to the benefit of and be binding on ACC and the Producer and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns; provided this Application and the Obligations, including the Loan, are personal to the Producer and may not be assigned by the Producer.

**Joint and Several Liability** - If more than one person executes this Application, the obligations of such persons under this application shall be joint and several.

**Power of Attorney** - Producer hereby irrevocably appoints ACC or any of its officers or directors as the Producers' lawful attorney for the purpose of carrying out any of the obligations of the Producer under this Application.

**Extended meaning of Applicant, Producer, Borrower or Co-Borrower** - The words Applicant, Producer, Borrower or Co-borrower may be freely interchanged.

**Provision of False or Misleading Information:** Any Producer that willfully provides or has provided false or misleading information under the Program will have his/her/its/their participation in the Program terminated and will be prohibited from participating in the Program for a minimum of five (5) years.