

Status Update
October 16, 2025

Chapter 11, Farm Land Security Board – Regulating Foreign Ownership of Saskatchewan
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1. New Recommendation: We recommend the Farm Land Security Board update its statutory declaration form templates to require permanent residents provide proof of residency when submitting statutory declaration forms.	82	Implemented	The Board developed new Statutory Declaration forms for Individuals and Corporations asking for additional information, including proof of residency. The new forms have been used for requested declarations since August and are now available online for submission.	Communication regarding the new forms and requirements will continue. Communications and Information Bulletins have been shared with various organizations including the Law Society of Saskatchewan and offices frequently in contact with the Board office. As of January 1, 2026, only new forms will be accepted. This is to allow for any completed prior to the implementation of the new process.	Implemented September 2025

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2. New Recommendation: We recommend the Farm Land Security Board set an expected timeframe for staff to review farmland transactions to assess compliance with The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act and related Regulations.	83	Implemented	At its October 10, 2024 meeting, the Board directed staff to complete transaction review within 60 days of receiving the information from ISC and adjusted this to within 30 days at the January 22, 2025 meeting. Staff have reviewed transactions within these timeframes since October 2024.	No further action required.	Implemented October 2024
3. New Recommendation: We recommend the Farm Land Security Board follow its established procedures to request statutory declarations for individuals and corporations to assess compliance with The Saskatchewan Farm Security	84	Implemented	At its October 10, 2024 meeting the Board made a motion to request all out of province corporations complete a declaration. This has been the process since October	At the July 24, 2025 meeting, the Board passed a motion stating that "Effective September 15, 2025, the Board will request all landowners submit a declaration for new land transactions if one has not been	Implementation Fall 2025.

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Act and related regulations.			2024.	completed within the last twelve months. Staff are working through the implementation of the Board's request to strengthen the declaration request procedure to ensure a smooth transition.	
4. New Recommendation: We recommend the Farm Land Security Board work with the Ministry of Agriculture to determine how to enforce restrictions on foreign leasing of farmland under The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act.	85	Implemented	The Board has received all registered lease interests in the province (January 2025) and is working through reviewing all registered interests in a similar fashion to ownership transactions. The process for enforcement of foreign leases is the same as foreign purchase transactions. Several of the Board	The Board will continue to review lease interests on a regular basis moving forward. Once a new staff member is onboarded, review of the registered interest will be completed.	Implemented January 2025

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			Exemption Orders have been granted to entities seeking to register a lease interest. The Board continues to monitor these lease holdings by monitoring exemption conditions whether this is through reporting requirements or bring forward dates aligned with exemption conditions. At this time, the Ministry does not intend to require all farmer-to-farmer lease transactions be registered on title and will continue to manage these leases on a complaint based system.		

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5. New Recommendation: We recommend the Farm Land Security Board document in its meeting minutes declared conflicts of interest as required by its Board manual.	87	Implemented	While conflicts were declared prior to the audit, adjustments were made to how the Minutes are written to more clearly document conflicts. The process changes were implemented beginning with the November 7, 2024 meeting minutes.	No further action required.	Implemented October 2024.
6. New Recommendation: We recommend the Farm Land Security Board provide adequate notice to exemption applicants informing them as to when the Board will discuss farmland ownership exemption applications.	89	Implemented	Board staff were directed to provide written confirmation to applicants when applications are received as to when the Board will review the exemption applications. This became process in October 2024. The website has also been updated with meeting dates to reflect	No further action required.	Implemented October 2024.

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			when submissions are due in order for the application to be heard at each meeting.		
7. New Recommendation: We recommend the Farm Land Security Board provide timely communication to individuals and corporations about requirements to sell land when not in compliance with The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act.	91	Implemented	Board staff were directed to provide a written reminder for those individuals who would be required to sell inherited land, two years prior to their five years maximum to hold the land. For those required to remove their interest due to non-compliance a process exists as described in the Act to issue an Order to Reduce, prior to making an application to the Court. Process documents have been	No further action required.	Implemented October 2024.

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			updated. Board Minutes have been updated to more accurately reflect the stage of the process each file thought to be in non-compliance is at. (e.g. Investigation, Notice to Issue, Issue an Order to Reduce, Issue an application to the court.)		
8. New Recommendation: We recommend the Farm Land Security Board formalize procedures for the escalation of enforcement actions to address identified non-compliance with The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act.	92	Implemented	Board processes were further developed and documented. Board meeting materials were updated to allow for more detailed information regarding outstanding declarations and files where compliance remains in	This will continue to be a work in progress. For example, the new declaration process will result in different metrics generated and the need for escalation of non responses. The Board will continue to discuss with the General	Implemented December 2024

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			question.	Manager the supporting materials provided to the Board and monitor land ownership in the province to ensure the Boards needs to address non-compliance are being met.	
9. New Recommendation: We recommend the Farm Land Security Board use sufficient performance indicators to monitor effectiveness of its regulatory activities related to foreign ownership of Saskatchewan farmland.	93	Implemented.	Statistics are provided to the Board and then to the public including status and number of Investigations, timeliness of transaction review, Statutory Declarations Requested and Received as well as Exemptions (including acres) Requested and Received.	This will continue to be a work in progress to ensure the Board and the public's needs are being met.	Implemented July 2025
10. New Recommendation: We recommend the Farm Land Security Board enhance	94	Implemented	The Annual Report tabled July 29, 2025 was updated to include	This will continue to be a work in progress as the Board continues to evolve	Implemented October 2025

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its public reporting of all of its key regulatory activities related to foreign ownership of Saskatchewan farmland.			additional metrics for the general public. The Board's website will be updated to include additional metrics reporting the work of the Board, which will be updated after each meeting. Due to the confidential nature of the Board's work regarding non-compliance, the Board has developed statistics it can share publicly; without impacting investigations.	and determine what is necessary for public reporting.	