

265—44.6 (175) Beginning farmer tax credit program.**44.6(1) General provisions.**

a. Term. The term of the credit shall be equal to the term of the agricultural assets transfer agreement, except that any unused credit may be carried forward for a period of five years if unused in the tax year the credits are earned. Credits may not be carried back to past tax years.

b. Fees. The authority may charge reasonable and necessary fees to defray the costs of this program.

c. Expiration of lease. The BFTC eligible applicant will continue to be eligible for the term of the lease. Upon expiration of the lease, both the taxpayer and BFTC eligible applicant must reapply to continue the tax credit.

44.6(2) Application procedures.

a. The authority shall prepare and make available appropriate forms to be used in making application for the tax credit, including forms for both the taxpayer and the BFTC eligible applicant.

b. Each application shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Taxpayer information: name and address, e-mail address if available, social security number, length of the lease, type of lease, and location of the agricultural asset to be leased. In addition, the application shall have attached to it a copy of the lease agreement between the parties.

(2) BFTC eligible applicant information: name and address, e-mail address if available, social security number, and location of the asset to be leased. In addition, the application shall have attached to it a copy of the BFTC eligible applicant's most recent financial statement (generally prepared one month preceding application submission). The application will also include a background letter on the BFTC eligible applicant documenting to the satisfaction of the authority sufficient training, experience and access to capital. This letter may be submitted by one or more of the following: the BFTC eligible applicant, the taxpayer or another third party.

c. Complete applications shall be processed in the order they are received by the authority.

44.6(3) Execution of an agricultural assets transfer agreement. In addition to the requirements set forth above, both the taxpayer and the BFTC eligible applicant shall execute an agricultural assets transfer agreement. This form shall be in a format from the Iowa Bar Association or other commonly accepted form and signed by all parties.

44.6(4) Procedures following tax credit approval. Either the BFTC eligible applicant or the taxpayer shall immediately notify the authority of any material changes in the agricultural assets transfer agreement. The authority shall act upon these changes pursuant to Iowa Code section 175.37. Material changes cannot result in an increase in the original tax credit amount approved. Death of a party to the lease, divorce, or sale of the property will be considered eligible material changes. Sale of the property will be considered only if the original lease terms remain in effect and the asset purchaser is determined to be eligible for the program.