

Oil Sands Direct Purchases

Direct purchase is the acquisition of Crown-owned oil sands rights by individual sale rather than through the public offering process. This page contains direct purchase pricing information, as well as information related to the direct purchase process, except for direct purchases within Metis Settlements pursuant to the Co-Management Agreement.

The pricing structure identified in  [IL-2006-12](#) allows a requestor to calculate the cost of a parcel of land prior to submitting a direct purchase application.

Direct purchase applications can only be submitted using the department's [ETS](#) system.

Land Portions

A portion is an area of Crown land that constitutes less than 50% of the smallest applicable spacing unit. The Department's minimum acceptable sales price for portions remains \$500 per hectare or \$2,000, whichever is greater, and is non-negotiable. The Department reserves the right to adjust the minimum sales price periodically.

Applications for Complementing Rights

When the lessee of an existing Petroleum and Natural Gas Agreement requests a purchase of oil sands rights, the private sale price (i.e., bonus) will be calculated as follows:

Notes:

- Average cost per hectare (Average \$/ha) is calculated using bonus amounts received divided by total hectares leased excluding the bonus received and hectares leased on Metis Settlement lands (or distributed via permits) in the previous six months, as indicated in the [Public Offering Statistics](#).
- Direct Purchase Price is based on 125% of the Average \$/ha.
- * Indicates the figure has been revised

Year: [2000](#) | [2001](#) | [2002](#) | [2003](#) | [2004](#) | [2005](#) | [2006](#) | [2007](#) | [2008](#) | [2009](#) | [2010](#) | [2011](#) | [2012](#) | [2013](#) | [2014](#) | [2015](#) | [2016](#)

2016		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
March	\$66.62	\$83.28
February	\$79.35	\$99.19
January	\$102.20	\$127.75

2015		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha

December	\$95.21	\$119.01
November	\$64.78	\$80.98
October	\$43.11	\$53.89
September	\$451.78	\$564.73
August	\$453.43	\$566.79
July	\$424.44	\$530.55
June	\$393.83	\$492.29
May	\$433.45	\$541.81
April	\$613.59	\$766.99
March	\$38.20	\$47.75
February	\$38.62	\$48.27
January	\$38.78	\$48.47

2014		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$131.41	\$164.27
November	\$124.63	\$155.79
October	\$233.20	\$291.51
September	\$233.11	\$291.38
August	\$233.39	\$291.74
July	\$215.45	\$269.31
June	\$190.65	\$238.31
May	\$184.56	\$230.70
April	\$272.97	\$341.21
March	\$276.34	\$345.42
February	\$247.82	\$309.77
January	\$223.08	\$278.85

2013		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$188.68	\$235.85
November	\$188.89	\$236.11
October	\$140.48	\$175.60
September	\$155.93	\$194.91
August	\$171.23	\$214.04

July	\$81.16	\$101.45
June	\$88.45	\$110.57
May	\$102.32	\$127.90
April	\$95.14	\$118.92
March	\$79.36	\$99.20
February	\$80.11	\$100.14
January	\$349.65	\$437.06

2012		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$364.56	\$455.70
November	\$230.71	\$288.39
October	\$273.95	\$342.44
September	\$100.76	\$125.95
August	\$103.80	\$129.75
July	\$75.07	\$93.84
June	\$667.98	\$834.97
May	\$749.27	\$936.58
April	\$470.47	\$588.09
March	\$569.01	\$711.27
February	\$1,722.52	\$2,153.15
January	\$1,480.57	\$1,850.72

2011		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$219.78	\$274.72
November	\$186.71	\$233.39
October	\$88.65	\$110.81
September	\$108.38	\$135.47
August	\$108.05	\$135.07
July	\$104.52	\$130.66
June	\$111.70	\$139.63
May	\$111.83	\$139.78
April	\$133.01	\$166.26
March	\$124.33	\$155.41

February	\$133.03	\$166.28
January	\$178.93	\$223.66

2010		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$142.30	\$177.88
November	\$181.60	\$227.00
October	\$200.07	\$250.09
September	\$489.02	\$611.28
August	\$553.13	\$691.41
July	\$507.64	\$634.56
June	\$283.62	\$354.53
May	\$82.98	\$103.73
April	\$89.92	\$112.41
March	\$103.78	\$129.73
February	\$104.08	\$130.09
January	\$114.43	\$143.04

2009		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$145.67	\$182.09
November	\$234.94	\$293.67
October	\$245.76	\$307.19
September	\$256.77	\$320.97
August	\$94.72	\$118.40
July	\$78.56	\$98.20
June	\$58.75	\$73.44
May	\$58.87	\$73.58
April	\$98.10	\$122.63
March	\$107.63	\$134.54
February	\$119.60	\$149.50
January	\$132.50	\$165.63

2008		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$148.25	\$185.31

November	\$137.85	\$172.32
October	\$171.82	\$214.77
September	\$204.20	\$255.25
August	\$202.50	\$253.12
July	\$224.81	\$281.01
June	\$269.27	\$336.59
May	\$425.22	\$531.53
April	\$441.38	\$551.72
March	*\$529.60	*\$662.00
February	\$580.58	\$725.72
January	\$611.40	\$764.25

2007		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$651.23	\$814.04
November	\$564.17	\$705.22
October	\$524.52	\$655.65
September	\$562.76	*\$673.39
August	\$533.36	*\$611.38
July	\$540.61	\$675.76
June	\$550.23	\$687.79
May	\$684.21	\$855.27
April	\$670.30	\$837.88
March	\$1,029.02	\$1,286.28
February	\$866.87	\$1,083.59
January	\$874.62	\$1,093.27

2006		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$836.67	\$1,045.83
November	\$898.93	\$1,123.67
October	\$945.75	\$1,182.19
September	\$630.71	\$788.39
August	\$1,688.25	\$2,110.32
July	\$1,752.70	\$2,190.87

June	\$1,885.28	\$2,356.60
May	\$1,842.43	\$2,303.04
April	\$1,744.62	\$2,180.78
March	\$1,934.99	\$2,418.74
February	\$1,356.47	\$1,695.59
January	\$1,426.37	\$1,782.97

2005		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$1,388.33	\$1,735.41
November	\$1,068.17	\$1,335.21
October	\$1,111.71	\$1,389.64
September	\$620.35	\$775.43
August	\$190.52	\$238.15
July	\$210.32	\$262.90
June	\$342.83	\$428.54
May	\$404.12	\$505.15
April	\$458.56	\$573.21
March	\$489.77	\$612.22
February	\$474.91	\$593.63
January	\$445.30	\$556.62

2004		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$445.05	\$556.32
November	\$389.93	\$487.41
October	\$104.81	\$131.01
September	\$84.49	\$105.61
August	\$88.25	\$110.31
July	\$88.58	\$110.72
June	\$88.31	\$110.39
May	±\$89.37	*\$111.71
April	\$121.21	\$151.51
March	\$82.61	\$103.26
February	\$152.71	\$190.89

January	\$305.77	\$382.22
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2003		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$270.45	\$338.06
November	\$274.46	\$343.08
October	\$289.78	\$362.22
September	\$257.64	\$322.05
August	\$253.78	\$317.23
July	\$283.05	\$353.82
June	\$301.49	\$376.86
May	\$309.67	\$387.09
April	\$240.25	\$300.31
March	\$282.49	\$353.11
February	\$192.89	\$241.11
January	\$192.66	\$240.82

2002		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$167.58	\$209.47
November	\$131.19	\$163.99
October	\$130.10	\$162.62
September	\$129.98	\$162.48
August	\$145.90	\$182.38
July	\$124.46	\$155.58
June	\$133.21	\$166.52
May	\$142.79	\$178.48
April	\$275.11	\$343.89
March	\$265.27	\$331.58
February	\$267.49	\$334.36
January	\$330.64	\$413.30

2001		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$356.43	\$445.54
November	\$347.03	\$433.79

October	\$324.82	\$406.02
September	\$358.81	\$448.52
August	\$359.66	\$449.57
July	\$401.48	\$501.86
June	\$367.98	\$459.98
May	\$525.58	\$656.97
April	\$398.05	\$497.57
March	\$369.09	\$461.37
February	\$364.71	\$455.89
January	\$271.36	\$339.20

2000		
Application Received	Average \$/ha	Direct Purchase Price \$/ha
December	\$240.26	\$300.33
November	\$163.16	\$203.95
October	\$185.11	\$231.39