

Merit-iot Agricultural Computing

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Vendor Product Testing Agreement

Effective Date: July 3, 2025

At Merit-IoT Agricultural Computing (“Merit-IoT”), operating online at Canadian-Farmer.ca, we are committed to supporting farmers and growers with honest, practical insights about the products they rely on. This agreement defines clear responsibilities and ensures transparency and fairness when you submit products for testing and review. By submitting your product via our vendor registration form, you acknowledge and agree to these terms.

1. Introduction

We partner with vendors like you to provide impartial, hands-on testing and evaluation of agricultural products to inform Canadian growers.

- **Parties:** Merit-IoT / Canadian-Farmer.ca (“we,” “our”) and the vendor (“you,” “Vendor”)
- **Purpose:** unbiased, practical product testing and evaluation
- **Compensation:** we decline any financial or in-kind compensation for our testing or publication of our test results.

2. Purpose & Scope

We conduct practical field testing to evaluate your product’s performance under real-world conditions, publishing results to help growers make informed decisions.

- **Testing includes:** setup, installation, field performance, durability, integration with farm systems, overall value and user experience
- **Expected typical duration:** starting October 15, 2025, lasting 4–6 weeks
- **Publication:** reviews are shared on our website Canadian-Farmer.ca

3. Vendor Responsibilities

We ask that you provide products ready for testing and remain available for technical support to ensure a smooth evaluation process.

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- Supply products in working condition with all accessories, manuals, and safety data
- Ensure compliance with Canadian safety, wireless, and operational regulations
- Designate a technical support contact during testing

4. Merit-IoT Responsibilities

We handle your products professionally and fairly, conducting honest evaluations and maintaining transparency in our reviews.

- Handle products responsibly
- Conduct impartial evaluations based on actual use
- Maintain independence from sponsorship or incentives

5. Intellectual Property & Confidentiality

We respect your intellectual property and keep proprietary information confidential, using it only for testing purposes.

- All IP rights remain with you
- Proprietary technical info is kept confidential
- Reviews may include product photos, usage descriptions, and performance summaries

6. Return or Disposal of Products

At the end of testing, you may request return of your product or allow us to store, dispose of, or donate it responsibly.

- Request return within 14 days of notification, at your expense
- If no return is requested, products may be stored for future testing, disposed of responsibly, or donated to educational or community agricultural initiatives

7. Liability & Warranty Disclaimer

We do not certify or warrant products we test and are not liable for any product performance issues or resulting damages.

- No certifications or warranties are provided
- We are not liable for damages from product use or failure
- Reviews reflect honest opinions, not endorsements or certifications



8. Publication Rights

We retain full editorial independence in publishing reviews to ensure honest, unbiased reporting for Canadian growers.

- Factual corrections (e.g. model numbers, specs) are welcomed
- Evaluative conclusions remain at our discretion

9. Indemnification

You agree to protect Merit-IoT against any claims related to your product during the testing process.

- You indemnify Merit-IoT for claims, damages, and expenses arising from:
 - Product use, failure, or malfunction
 - Breach of this agreement
 - Non-compliance with laws or safety standards

10. Governing Law

This agreement is governed by the laws of Nova Scotia, Canada, without regard to conflict of law principles.

Acceptance

By submitting your product via our vendor registration form, you confirm that you have read, understood, and agree to these terms.

