



# Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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## RESILIENT AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPES PROGRAM (RALP)

### Grazing Management BMP Native Rangeland Stream

The Native Rangeland Stream of the Grazing Management Best Management Practice (BMP) improves or protects the health and productivity of existing native rangelands by supporting the creation of native rangeland grazing plans. Healthy native rangelands provide carbon sequestration and support biodiversity.

#### FUNDING LEVEL

60 per cent of eligible costs to a combined maximum of \$20,000.

#### APPLICATION TYPE

Applicants must work through their local Ministry of Agriculture agri-environmental specialist to have their projects pre-approved. Please call the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 to connect with a specialist in your area.

- The application deadline for pre-approval is September 30, 2027, for project to be completed by February 1, 2028. Claims must be received by February 1, 2028.
- The applicant must provide a native rangeland health assessment and a grazing management plan completed by a Ministry of Agriculture agri-environmental specialist. Plans completed for the Rangeland Health Assessment BMP by a verified industry contractor may be considered.
- The plan must be approved by the Ministry of Agriculture prior to submitting the claim.

#### ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS

Projects may be located on parcels of land deemed environmentally sensitive. Through the pre-approval application process, a Ministry of Agriculture agri-environmental specialist will conduct environmental screening on private land. On Crown land, a land management specialist will conduct the environmental screening and a Crown Land Management Branch Application to Construct Improvements may be required. Projects located in environmentally sensitive areas may have special requirements, including, but not limited to:

- Ministry of Environment wildlife friendly fencing guidelines; and
- Ministry of Agriculture Crown Land Management Branch improvement authorization conditions.

#### AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT

As a condition to access program funding, applicants are required to review the [Agri-Environmental Risk Assessment](#) before beginning their project.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Saskatchewan agricultural producers (individual, partnership or corporation) who can demonstrate a minimum of \$50,000 in gross farm income in Saskatchewan in the year of application or the year prior to the application. Individual applicants are at least 18 years of age. Our programs allow flexibility for new entrants to become eligible if they expect to meet gross farm income eligibility within the five-year term of Sustainable CAP. New entrants who do not meet the annual gross farm income threshold are encouraged to submit a claim and will be required to provide proof of meeting the annual gross farm income threshold before February 29, 2028; or
- Crown Land Pasture Associations in Saskatchewan; or
- First Nation Bands in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- Producers who own, lease or rent property where livestock and poultry are grown, bred, kept, raised, displayed, assembled or disposed of, require a [Saskatchewan Premises Identification \(PID\) number](#).
- Must own, lease or custom graze a minimum of 20 animal units.
- Must own or lease a minimum of 80 contiguous acres of native rangeland.

- For the purpose of this BMP, native rangeland is defined as land dominantly composed (at least 51 per cent) of native grass species native to the area or forested rangelands and has not previously been broken or tilled. Invasive species may be present, but the dominant vegetation is native grass.

First Nation producers may have distinct characteristics reflecting regulatory, operational, cultural and other factors. Our programs are designed to allow for flexibility to reduce barriers and ensure accessibility. If you are interested in applying for programs and have questions about the application process or eligibility criteria for First Nation producers, please contact the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 and ask to be connected with the appropriate extension specialist.

## PROJECT COSTS

### ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS

- All invoices for eligible expenses must be dated April 1, 2023, or later.
- Costs of cross fencing as specified by a Ministry of Agriculture specialist or professional agrologist in a native rangeland grazing management plan.
- Depending upon location, a technical specialist or professional agrologist may specify the construction of wildlife friendly fencing, as outlined by the Ministry of Environment's guidelines.
- Maximum eligible rebate for fencing costs is based on the following rates for fence construction, to a maximum of \$20,000:
  - For fencing costs associated with a barbed wire fence is set at \$3,231/km or \$5,400/mile (based on estimated construction costs of \$5,592/km or \$9,000/mile).
  - For fencing costs associated with a smooth wire fence is set at \$2,050/km or \$3,300/mile (based on estimated construction costs of \$3,418/km or \$5,500/mile).
  - For fencing costs associated with wildlife friendly fencing (as constructed per Ministry of Environment guidelines) is set at \$3,231/km or \$5,400/mile (based on estimated construction costs of \$5,592/km or \$9,000/mile).
  - Maximum eligible rebate for temporary fencing is \$2,400 (per applicant, per stream).
- Brush clearing is eligible as a fencing expense but is subject to the per-mile fencing funding caps outlined above. Clearing may be approved up to a maximum of 15 metres surrounding the proposed fenceline.
- Energizer (solar, battery or AC) system or components thereof for powering electric fence up to a maximum eligible rebate of \$900.00 per project. Purchase of an energizer must be in conjunction with a project that is implementing temporary or permanent electric fencing.
- Use of applicant's equipment at current [Saskatchewan Farm Machinery Custom and Rental Rate Guide](#) rates.

### INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS

- Fencing not associated with improving native rangeland health.
- Remote livestock watering systems.
- Perimeter fences, if construction is not aligned with grazing plan. Can be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Costs related to removing or replacing old or existing fences.
- Used fencing materials.
- Fencing tools and wire stretchers.
- Automatic gate openers.
- Texas gates.
- Portable livestock corral panels.
- In-kind transportation of materials.
- In-kind labour.
- Fences constructed before receiving approval.