Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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RESILIENT AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPES PROGRAM (RALP)

Targeted Grazing BMP

The Targeted Grazing Beneficial Management Practice (BMP) contains and manages large-scale invasive plant infestations through the support of integrated non-herbicide practices. Infestations where herbicide application is not environmentally feasible or practical (infestations are large and costly to treat) are targeted through this BMP.

FUNDING LEVEL

50 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of $50,000 per year. Multi-year applications are accepted. Program payments are subject to a minimum rebate of $250. The minimum claim is $500.

- Projects must target noxious weeds currently approved under the program (leafy spurge, common burdock, Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, common tansy and absinthe, often referred to as absinthe wormwood) or brush encroachment on native prairie.
- Maximum eligible rebate for contracted small ruminant grazing services is $40/acre.
- The rebate for costs associated with managing the targeted grazing project on the applicant's owned, leased or rental land when the applicant owns the small ruminant is a flat rate of $30/acre.

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.

- Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. The deadline for submitting applications for pre-approval is September 30, 2027, for project to be completed by February 1, 2028. Claims must be received by February 1, 2028.
- Multi-year applications will be accepted. Applicants can claim a rebate on contracted targeted grazier fees once per year, after the yearly service has been completed.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS

Some 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 the environmental screening on private land. On Crown land, a land management specialist will conduct the environmental screening and a Ministry of Agriculture 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 Environmental wildlife friendly fencing guidelines;
- Ministry of Agriculture Crown Land Management Branch improvement authorization conditions; and
- Limiting targeted grazing in sensitive areas.

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.
- Must have a Saskatchewan Premises Identification (PID) number.

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.
- Activities must be related to noxious weed management or brush encroachment on native pastures and approved costs must be proportional to the managed area.
- Grazing service fees for contracting a small ruminant targeted grazier to manage qualifying noxious weed infestations or brush encroachment.
- Projects where the applicant owns the small ruminants are required to be on the applicant's owned leased, or rented land; any costs associated with the project will be included under the flat rate rebate of $30 per acre.
- Projects must have continuous infestation of approved noxious weeds larger than five hectares or 12.36 acres in size or infestations occurring on soils deemed environmentally sensitive or where access limitations occur (e.g., sloping).
- Applicants must submit an integrated weed management or brush management plan and targeted grazing plan. The grazing plan must be completed by the targeted grazier; the weed or brush management plan must be approved by a Ministry of Agriculture agri-environmental specialist.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS

- Grazing service fees/contracts implemented purchased before receiving pre-approval.
- The cost of herbicide treatment.
- Control of prohibited weed infestations (in accordance with The Weed Control Act).
- Livestock purchases.
- Materials from the applicant's inventory.
- In-kind payment (i.e., trading) for third-party services.
- Fencing not associated with the management and control of approved noxious weeds, such as perimeter fencing.
- Purchase of used fencing materials.
- Automatic gate openers.
- Texas gates.
- Fencing tools.
- Remote livestock watering systems.
- Liability insurance purchased by the applicant.