



Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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RESILIENT AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPES PROGRAM (RALP)

Intensive Livestock Management BMP Relocation of Livestock Confinement Facilities Stream

The Intensive Livestock Management Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) seek to protect or improve surface water and groundwater resources by mitigating environmental impacts from intensive livestock operations.

Funding for relocation of livestock confinement facilities will assist livestock producers to protect/improve ground and surface water quality by relocating existing livestock confinement facilities away from water sources. Decommissioning of existing facilities is required to qualify for the BMP.

FUNDING LEVEL

70 per cent of eligible costs to a combined maximum payment of \$200,000 for all projects completed under the Intensive Livestock Management suite of BMPs.

- Applicants are only eligible for replacement costs on comparable structures. If you choose to expand the facilities, the eligible cost will be proportionally reduced to the amount required to implement the BMP for the existing facilities and level of production.

APPLICATION TYPE

Applicants must work through a Ministry of Agriculture regional engineer to have their projects pre-approved. Please call the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 for more information.

- The application deadline for pre-approval is December 31, 2027, for project to be completed by March 31, 2028. Applicants must submit a pre-approval application prior to commencing their project.
- After an application is received, a pre-site inspection will be arranged with a Ministry of Agriculture livestock engineer. All projects must have a site inspection conducted **prior** to the commencement of any project activities. The site inspection will provide a preliminary assessment of environmental risks and mitigations required.
- Claims must be received by March 31, 2028. A final site inspection will be required to confirm that the changes implemented were in accordance with the initial site inspection.

PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- The producer is responsible for meeting all federal, provincial and rural municipality regulatory requirements and/or approvals.
- Applicants who do not have existing approved plans under *The Agricultural Operations Act* must complete the [self-evaluation](#) to determine if their livestock operation requires approval.
- [Regulation of Intensive Livestock Operations in Saskatchewan](#).

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 rebate 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 rebate claim and will be required to provide proof of meeting the annual gross farm income threshold before the end of the program in March of 2028; or

- First Nation Bands in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- Must have a [Saskatchewan Premises Identification \(PID\) number](#).
- Own, lease or custom graze a minimum of 20 animal units.
- Confine animals in pens over winter and stockyards located within 300 metres of a watercourse or facilities located within 30 metres of a domestic well not controlled by the person who operates the livestock operation.
- Decommissioning of the existing site is required.

The province is committed to supporting the success of Indigenous producers in the agriculture and food sector. We understand Indigenous applicants may have distinct characteristics reflecting regulatory, operational, cultural and other factors. We aim for flexibility in our program delivery to reduce barriers and ensure the accessibility of our programs. If you are interested in applying to the program, and have questions about the application process or eligibility criteria, please call the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 and ask to be connected with the Building and Strengthening Indigenous Supports (BASIS) agriculture programs specialist who serves your location.

PROJECT COSTS

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS

- Technical and/or engineering costs, including preliminary investigation, project management, survey, design and geotechnical investigation or remediated site plans. This work can be funded if the project does not proceed.
- Cost of materials and third-party hired labour for relocating existing or purchase of new permanent infrastructure including corrals, fencing, buildings, concrete, water infrastructure (excluding development of source water such as wells or dugout), earthwork on the new site, manure storages and power installation.
- Cost of abandoned site remediation, such as moving, demolishing, decommissioning of old buildings, corrals and reclamation earthworks (e.g., leveling, grading, ditches and berms). This is eligible as a standalone activity.
- Eligible items must be new and purchased by the applicant from a recognized dealer. For the purposes of the program, a recognized vendor is defined as a business that is an authorized dealer for a certain item(s).
- Third-party freight.
- In-kind heavy equipment use.
- Use of applicant's equipment at current [Saskatchewan Farm Machinery Custom and Rental Rate Guide](#).

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS

- Invoices dated before April 1, 2023.
- Costs associated with expanding production capacity.
- Development of a new water source. Projects related to establishing new watering sites may be eligible for funding under the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP).
- Portable livestock handling equipment. The expectation is any portable livestock handling equipment would be relocated to the new site.
- Costs for separating topsoil from clay.
- In-kind materials such as rocks, sand, gravel or clay.
- In-kind labour or employee labour.
- In-kind payment (i.e., trading) for third-party services.
- In-kind freight/mileage.
- Used or home fabricated items.
- Financing, interest, legal fees or taxes.
- Fabricated items, equipment or materials not purchased from a recognized dealer. For the purposes of the program, a recognized dealer is typically defined as a business where manufacturing is a key service or the business is an authorized dealer for certain item(s).
- Any submissions for rebate using a third-party contractor must be at arm's-length, or the submission will be considered to be using in-kind labour and original invoices for all materials will be required.