



Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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RESILIENT AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPES PROGRAM (RALP)

Intensive Livestock Management BMP Manure Storage Enhancement 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 manure storage enhancements assists livestock producers to develop infrastructure to minimize environmental risks and/or increase manure storage capacity to match current production and prevent winter spreading.

FUNDING LEVEL

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

- Solid manure storage sheds: 30 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum rebate of \$50,000.
- Manure processing equipment: 30 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum rebate of \$50,000.
- If you choose to expand manure storage facilities or treatment systems to facilitate production expansion, the eligible costs will be prorated based on the storage or treatment system requirements needed for the number of animal units and size of facility or systems, prior to expansion (as assessed at the time of application).

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.

- 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. A pre-site inspection may be required.
- Claims must be received by March 31, 2028. A final inspection may be required to confirm 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.
- [Manure Spills](#).
- Applicants who do not have existing approved plans under The Agricultural Operations Act can complete the [self-evaluation](#) to determine if their livestock operation requires approval from the Ministry of Agriculture.
- [Regulation of Intensive Livestock Operations in Saskatchewan](#).
- For technical assistance, contact the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377.

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.
- Must be an intensive operation that requires an approved plan to store and manage waste under the *Agricultural Operations Act*.

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.
- Development of a groundwater monitoring plan, including investigation, installation of monitoring devices and initial and ongoing monitoring.
- Mitigation for existing liquid manure storage (funding is not available to increase manure storage for expansion of the operation):
 - Increases to manure storage capacity to prevent storage overflow or winter spreading of liquid manure.
 - Pumps and pipelines associated with transferring manure from the barn to manure storage.
 - Liners or containment structures for the storage of liquid manure such as synthetic membrane liners or tanks.
 - Reclamation costs associated with decommissioning existing liquid manure storage infrastructure for sites.
- Mitigation for solid manure storage:
 - Construction of new or improved containment systems for solid manure storage facilities including sheds, compacted clay surfaces and concrete bunkers.
 - Roller compacted concrete for livestock pens.
- Development or enhancement of composting infrastructure including passive aeration systems, compost turner pads, walls, covers and monitoring equipment.
- Development or enhancement of systems and equipment for processing manure, including, extrusion, pelletization, anaerobic digestion or solids separation system.
- Design and implementation of a nutrient management plan. Costs for a professional agrologist to develop a manure management plan, including a plan for soil testing on land applied with manure and initial soil tests.
- Eligible items or equipment must be new and purchased by the applicant from a recognized dealer. A recognized dealer is typically 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 rates](#).

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS

- Invoices dated before April 1, 2023.
- Manure storage for new livestock operations.
- Costs associated with expanding production capacity.
- Aerobic digester systems. All types of agitators.

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- Lagoons solely for the purpose of containing household waste.
 - Additives to manage manure.
 - 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.
 - Transportation of manure or equipment for the transfer of manure to the field or emptying storage container.
 - Operational costs or items considered regular replacement, repair or maintenance.
 - Used or leased or home fabricated items or equipment.
 - 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.