



# Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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## RESILIENT AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPES PROGRAM (RALP)

### Grazing Management BMP

#### Riparian Grazing Stream

Riparian areas are the green zones adjacent to lakes and watercourses. They stabilize stream banks and shorelines, filter impurities and trap sediment. The Riparian Grazing Management Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) protect water quality by funding infrastructure to exclude or properly manage the timing, intensity and duration of livestock grazing along riparian areas.

#### 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.

- Application deadline for pre-approval is December 31, 2027, for project to be completed by March 31, 2028. Claims must be received by March 31, 2028.
- **Managed grazing:** Applicant must provide a riparian health assessment and a grazing management plan approved by the Ministry of Agriculture prior to submitting the claim. The health assessment and grazing plan must be completed by a Ministry of Agriculture specialist or professional agrologist with expertise in riparian management.
- **Livestock exclusion:** Applicant must provide a riparian health assessment conducted by a Ministry of Agriculture specialist or professional agrologist with expertise in riparian management. A grazing plan is not necessary.

#### 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 Lands 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 Lands 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 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
- Crown Land Pasture Associations in Saskatchewan; 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.
- Lakes and waterbodies less than 60 acres will only be considered if determined to be of high environmental value.



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

- All invoices for eligible expenses must be dated April 1, 2023, or later.
- Fencing specified by Ministry of Agriculture specialist or professional agrologist in a riparian grazing management plan.
- Fencing may include cross fencing to create riparian paddocks or riparian grazing systems or permanent fencing to control access to and improve management of the riparian area and natural water source.
- 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).
- Exclusion fencing to prevent livestock from accessing the water source is not mandatory.
- Depending upon location, the Ministry of Agriculture specialist or professional agrologist may specify the construction of wildlife-friendly fencing, as outlined by the Ministry of Environment's guidelines.
- Brush clearing is eligible as a fencing expense but is subject to the per-mile fencing caps outlined above. Clearing may be approved to a maximum of 15 metres surrounding the proposed fenceline.
- Improved watering systems including:
  - Renewably powered remote livestock watering systems or components of these systems with a maximum of one system per project to a maximum rebate of \$6,000; and
  - Graded access ramps to a maximum rebate of \$2,000.
- Use of applicant's equipment at current [Saskatchewan Farm Machinery Custom and Rental Rate Guide](#) rates.

### INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS

- Water development projects.
- Power installation and electrical costs.
- Fencing not directly related to preventing livestock from accessing a natural water body or fencing not associated with a riparian-area grazing system.
- Perimeter fencing is ineligible with the exception of sections intended to exclude livestock from a lake, creek or water body previously used as a natural boundary.
- Costs related to removing or replacing old or existing fences.
- Used fencing materials.
- Fencing tools and wire stretchers.
- Automatic gate openers.
- Portable livestock corral panels.
- In-kind transportation and materials.
- In-kind labour.
- Fencing to create paddocks less than 20 acres in size.
- Fences constructed before receiving approval.