



With only 17 per cent of prairie grasslands remaining in Saskatchewan, this BMP seeks to improve or protect the health and productivity of the existing native rangelands by supporting the creation and implementation of native rangeland grazing plans.

FUNDING LEVEL

50 per cent of eligible costs to a combined maximum of \$10,000.

- Maximum eligible rebate for fencing costs is based on a flat rate for fence construction, to a maximum of \$10,000.
 - Maximum eligible rebate for fencing costs associated with a barbed wire fence is set at \$1,488/km or \$2,400/mile (based on a flat rate for construction costs of \$2,976/km or \$4,800/mile).
 - Maximum eligible rebate for fencing costs associated with a smooth wire fence is set at \$744/km or \$1,200/mile (based on a flat rate for construction costs of \$1,488/ km or \$2,400/mile).
 - Maximum eligible rebate for fencing costs associated with wildlife friendly fencing (as constructed per Ministry of Environment guidelines) is set at \$1,488/ km or \$2,400/mile (based on a flat rate for construction costs of \$2,976/km or \$4,800/mile).

APPLICATION TYPE

Pre-approval is necessary to qualify for this BMP.

- Application deadline for pre-approval is August 31, 2022. Claims must be received by December 31, 2022.
- Applicant must provide a native rangeland health assessment and a grazing management plan completed by a Professional Agrologist or trained technician with expertise in the area of native rangeland management.
- The plan must be approved by the Ministry of Agriculture prior to commencing the infrastructure project.

FARM STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS MAP

It is the responsibility of the producer to determine if a project is located in an environmentally sensitive area. Projects located in environmentally sensitive areas may have special requirements.

- Producers must enter their quarter section location into the search bar in the [online mapping tool](#).
- If the FSP tab appears in the search results, the legend below will indicate next steps:
 - o **FSP 1:** Follow Ministry of Environment wildlife friendly fencing guidelines and use fence markers. Use drop fencing where appropriate.
 - o **FSP 2:** Federal permit needed for species at risk.
 - o **FSP 3:** Follow Ministry of Environment wildlife friendly fencing guidelines.
 - o **FSP 4:** Targeted grazing is not permitted at this location.



ELIGIBILITY

- Primary producers who earn a minimum of \$50,000 of gross farm income in 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.
- 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 that is dominantly composed (at least 60 per cent) of native grass species that are native to the area and have not previously been broken or tilled. Invasive species may be present but the dominant vegetation is native grass.

PROJECT COSTS

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS:

- All invoices for eligible expenses must be dated April 1, 2018, or later.
- Costs of cross fencing as specified by a technical specialist or Professional Agrologist in 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.

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 and temporary fencing.
- In-kind transportation of materials.
- In-kind labour.
- Fences constructed before receiving approval.