



Perennial grasses and legumes sequester carbon, hold topsoil in place and use available moisture more efficiently than annual crops. Perennial forages are also recommended as a management tool for fields that are infected with clubroot. The purpose of this BMP is to protect soils from erosion and improve resilience to climate change through the conversion of environmentally sensitive cultivated lands to perennial forage cover. This BMP can also be used in clubroot infected fields for the prevention of further spread associated with annual cropping and reduce pathogen load over a period of time.

FUNDING LEVEL

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

- Maximum eligible payment for establishment costs is set at \$15 per acre (based on a flat rate establishment cost of \$30 per acre).
- Maximum eligible payment for certified seed is \$20 per acre (based on maximum costs for seed of \$40 per acre).

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.

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.
- Projects must be completed on land that has been used for annual crop production for a minimum of two years.
- Soil qualification assessment by a qualified technician is required.
- Forage blend must be approved by a Ministry of Agriculture Agri-Environmental Specialist prior to seeding.
- Fields affected by clubroot, as verified by a soil test or visual symptoms and confirmed by a Professional Agrologist.
 - Soil qualification assessment will be waived on fields affected by clubroot.
 - A clubroot management plan must be in place to be eligible to receive funding.

PROJECT COSTS

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS:

- Seed costs and establishment of perennial forages that contain at least one creeping rooted grass.
- Seed costs associated with seeding perennial forages within a 30 metre strip around a water body.
- Seed purchased must be Common #1 or Certified #1, as confirmed by seed tag.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS:

- Costs for planting cover or companion crops.
- Projects related to erodible soils on irrigated land (projects related to saline areas on irrigated lands will be considered on a case-by-case basis).
- Seeding a forage blend including more than 20 per cent biennial species (such as yellow sweet clover) or with no perennial creeping-rooted grasses.
- Rejuvenation of existing forages, pastures or hay land.
- Fertilizer.
- Seed purchased prior to April 1, 2018, or prior to 18 months from the application date.