



Riparian areas are the green zones adjacent to lakes and watercourses. They stabilize stream banks and shore lines, filter impurities and trap sediment. The Riparian Grazing Management BMP's intent is to protect water quality through exclusion or properly managed timing, intensity and duration of livestock grazing along riparian areas.

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 as \$2,976/km or \$4,800/mile).
- Water infrastructure improvements will be funded at 50 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$7,000.

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.
- **Managed grazing:** Applicant must provide a riparian health assessment and a grazing management plan approved by the Ministry of Agriculture prior to commencing the infrastructure project. Plans must be completed by a Professional Agrologist or trained technician with expertise in the area of riparian management.
- **Livestock exclusion:** Applicant must provide a riparian health assessment conducted by a trained technician and approved by the Ministry of Agriculture. Grazing plan is not necessary.

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.
- Lakes and waterbodies less than 60 acres will be considered if determined to be a high-use recreational water body.

PROJECT COSTS

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- All invoices for eligible expenses must be dated April 1, 2018, or later.
- Fencing as specified by technical specialist or Professional Agrologist in 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.
- Exclusion fencing to prevent livestock from accessing the water source is not mandatory.
- Depending upon location, the technical specialist or Professional Agrologist may specify the construction of wildlife-friendly fencing, as outlined by the Ministry of Environment's guidelines.
- Improved watering systems including:
 - Solar powered "all-in-one" livestock watering systems with a maximum of one system per project to a maximum rebate of \$5,000; and
 - Graded access ramps to a maximum of \$2,000.

INELIGIBLE COSTS:

- 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 section 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 or temporary fencing.
- In-kind transportation and materials.
- In-kind labour.
- Clearing bush for installation of fences.
- Fencing to create paddocks less than 20 acres in size.
- Fences constructed before receiving approval.