

This BMP is available for eligible producers and pasture grazing associations to contain and manage large-scale invasive plant infestations through the support of integrated non-herbicide practices. Infestations where herbicide application is not environmentally feasible or practical (infestations are large and costly to treat) are targeted through this BMP.

### FUNDING LEVEL

**50 per cent of eligible costs to a combined maximum of \$45,000 per year.**

- **Targeted Small Ruminant Grazing:** Maximum of \$40,000 per project per year on noxious weeds currently approved under the program (leafy spurge, common burdock, Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, common tansy, and absinthe).
  - Maximum eligible rebate for grazing services that includes leasing small ruminants is \$74.08/hectare or \$30/acre.
  - Maximum eligible rebate for costs associated with managing the targeted grazing project when the applicant owns the small ruminant is \$37.04/hectare or \$15/acre.
- **Insect Biological Control:** Maximum of \$5,000 for insect biocontrol agents on noxious weeds currently approved under the program (leafy spurge, scentless chamomile, Canada thistle, nodding thistle, field bindweed, yellow toadflax, and Russian knapweed).

### 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.
- Multi-year applications will be accepted.

### 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 [online mapping tool](#).
- If the FSP layer is triggered, the legend below will indicate next steps:
  - **FSP 1:** Follow Ministry of Environment wildlife friendly fencing guidelines and use fence markers. Use drop fencing where appropriate.
  - **FSP 2:** Federal permit needed for species at risk.
  - **FSP 3:** Follow Ministry of Environment wildlife friendly fencing guidelines.
  - **FSP 4:** Targeted grazing is not permitted at this location.

**ELIGIBILITY** Producers who demonstrate 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.



- Pasture grazing associations are eligible to apply for this BMP.
  - Pasture grazing associations are defined as a group of pasture users organized as a cooperative, corporation, or some other legal entity, including those operating on the former Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration community pastures and Saskatchewan Pastures Program pastures.

## **PROJECT COSTS**

### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS**

- All invoices for eligible expenses must be dated April 1, 2018, or later.
- Activities must be related to noxious weed management and approved costs must be proportional to the managed area.
- Projects must have continuous infestation of approved noxious weeds larger than five hectares or 12.36 acres in size or infestations occurring on soils deemed environmentally sensitive or where access limitations occur (e.g. sloping).
- Applicants must submit a weed management plan and targeted grazing plan (applies to targeted grazing only). The grazing plan must be completed by the targeted grazer; the weed management plan must be approved by a Ministry of Agriculture Specialist.

### **TARGETED SMALL RUMINANT GRAZING**

- A grazing service fee for contracted targeted grazing livestock to manage qualifying noxious weed infestations.
- Costs associated with managing the targeted grazing livestock project when the applicant owns the small ruminants that will be used in the project, including, but not limited to, specialized fencing and herd management fees.

### **INSECT BIOLOGICAL CONTROL**

- Service fee for insect biocontrol agents approved under *The Plant Protection Act* on approved noxious weeds.
- Third-party shipping costs of insect biocontrol agents to project area.

### **INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS**

- Grazing contracts implemented or insect biocontrol agents purchased before receiving pre-approval.
- The cost of herbicide treatment.
- Prohibited weed infestations (in accordance with *The Weed Control Act*).
- Livestock purchases.
- Fencing not associated with the management and control of approved noxious weeds.
- Purchase of used fencing materials.
- Automatic gate openers.
- Texas gates and fencing tools.
- Remote livestock watering systems.
- Liability insurance.
- Sweep nets.
- In-kind labour and materials.