

# Livestock Development Checklist

This is a recommended process for new or expanding operations. The Ministry of Agriculture's responsibility is *The Agricultural Operations Act*.

## Suggested first steps

- Contact the Ministry of Agriculture, Agricultural Operations Unit:** 306-787-2150
- Develop a preliminary plan:** Define your project and create concept drawings including pens, buildings, wells, roads and all other site attributes.
- Confirm an adequate water supply:** Water Security Agency (WSA) approval may be required. Review the requirements under [WSA's Domestic Purpose Water Use](#).
- Confirm Rural Municipality (RM) approval:** Check with your RM for requirements and bylaws. Request development permit or written approval.

## Requirements under *The Agricultural Operations Act*

- Engineering investigation:** A summary of regional geology, site conditions, manure storage design, holding pond design, stamped drawings, records of water wells, distance to watercourses/surface water, soil interpretation and lab analysis, and depth to groundwater. Typically involves hiring a Consulting Engineer.
- Manure storage plan:** Earthen manure storage, steel or concrete tank, solid manure storage area, stockpiles, holding pond, concrete bunkers, composting area. Submit to the Ministry of Agriculture for review.
- Manure management plan:** Based on operation capacity and confinement periods and cycles, quantity of manure, nutrient production values, land locations for receiving manure, crop type, soil zone, application method, frequency, and application rates. Submit to the Ministry of Agriculture for review.
- Mortality management plan:** Annual death losses, method of disposal, interim storage procedures, setback distances. Typical plans include burial, composting, and third-party pick-up. A plan is also required for disposal of entire herd in the event of a catastrophe. Submit to the Ministry of Agriculture for review.

## Additional considerations

- Environmental sensitivity:** Review [HabiSask](#) to determine any limitations that may exist for critical habitats, species at risk, etc.
- Environmental assessment:** Review [Technical Proposal Guidelines](#) and complete the Self-Assessment Checklist.
- Heritage sensitivity:** Consult the [Heritage Screening](#) Online Developer's Tool. Submit an application if necessary.
- Funding opportunities:** Check eligibility for funding under the [Farm Stewardship Program](#) and [Farm Ranch and Water Infrastructure Program](#).
- Premises identification:** Apply for a [PID](#) number.
- Obtain cost estimates and prepare budget.**
- Select engineer consultant:** agricultural operations engineers can assist with preparing a request for proposal for the work required.
- Select contractor:** Construction to occur as per approved plans.