



The Livestock Stewardship Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) seek to protect or improve surface water and groundwater resources by mitigating environmental impacts from livestock operations.

Funding for **carcass disposal planning** will assist livestock producers in preparing environmentally sound plans for large scale emergency carcass disposal in the event of livestock disease outbreaks or natural and operational disasters. Preplanned mortality disposal is beneficial in mitigating potential environmental damage through proper disposal, as well as reducing nuisance and preventing disease transmission while facilitating rapid disposal and industry recovery.

FUNDING LEVEL

50 per cent of eligible costs to a combined maximum payment of \$100,000 for all projects completed under the Livestock Stewardship suite of BMPs.

APPLICATION TYPE

Pre-approval is required for this BMP.

- Application deadline for pre-approval is Aug. 31, 2022. Applicants must submit a pre-approval application prior to commencing their project.
- Claims must be received by Dec. 31, 2022.
- A pre-site inspection and/or post-site inspection may be required.

ELIGIBILITY

- Producers who can demonstrate a minimum of \$50,000 of gross farm income in Saskatchewan;
- First Nations in the Province of Saskatchewan; and
- Must have a [Saskatchewan Premises Identification \(PID\) number](#).
- Own, lease or custom graze a minimum of 20 animal units.

PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Carcass disposal plans must meet all federal, provincial and rural municipality regulatory requirements and/or approvals.
- [Managing Livestock Mortalities](#).
- [Composting Animal Mortalities: A Producer's Guide](#).
- [Emergency Livestock Disposal Sites](#).
- Applicants that do not have existing approved plans under *The Agricultural Operations Act* can complete the [Self-Evaluation](#) to determine if their livestock operation requires approval from the Ministry of Agriculture.
- [Regulation of Intensive Livestock Operations in Saskatchewan](#).
- For technical assistance, contact the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377.



PROJECT COSTS

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS:

- This BMP funds planning costs, but does not fund costs associated with actual carcass disposal events.
- Technical and/or engineering costs for site characterization (geotechnical investigation) for the purpose of creating a site plan for carcass disposal or preparing reports to meet regulatory requirements. A copy of the assessment/report will be required before the project will be funded.
- Developing a carcass disposal plan that includes mechanical composting equipment or incinerators where the environmental sensitivity of the site precludes burial or surficial mortality composting. Composting or Ministry of Environment approved incineration equipment will be considered for funding if the site is classified as sensitive or variable, based on the Ministry of Agriculture's Site Characterization Manual.
 - Eligible mechanical composting equipment or incinerators must be new and purchased by the applicant from a recognized dealer. For the purposes of the program, a recognized dealer is typically defined as a business that is an authorized dealer for a certain item(s).
- Design and implementation of a nutrient management plan. Costs for a professional agrologist to develop a manure management plan including a plan for soil testing on land applied with manure and initial soil tests.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS:

- Invoices dated before April 1, 2018.
- Mass mortality plan for new livestock operations.
- Excavation of carcass disposal burial sites.
- Transportation of carcasses to/for disposal.
- Costs/fees required for acquiring/accessing/utilizing off-site disposal sites.
- Mechanical composting equipment designed for day to day carcass disposal.
- Incineration equipment that is designed for small batch incineration of carcasses.
- In-kind materials such as rocks, sand, gravel or clay.
- In-kind labour or employee labour.
- In-kind payment (i.e. trading) for third-party services.
- In-kind freight/mileage.
- Transportation of manure.
- Operational costs or items considered regular replacement, repair or maintenance.
- Used, leased or home fabricated items or equipment.
- Financing, interest, legal fees or taxes.
- Any submissions for rebate utilizing a third-party vendor must be from a vendor who is third party arm's-length, or the claim will be considered to be in-kind and funded based on the actual purchase price and require the submission of original invoices.
- Costs claimed for expenses/activities which may receive funding under other Canadian Agricultural Partnership programs, or any other government grant, rebate or assistance program.