



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 **relocation of livestock confinement facilities** will assist livestock producers to protect/improve ground and surface water quality by relocating existing livestock confinement facilities away from water sources. Decommissioning of existing facilities is required to qualify for the BMP.

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.

- Applicants are only eligible for replacement costs on comparable structures. If you choose to expand the facilities, the eligible cost will be proportionally reduced to the amount required to implement the BMP for the existing facilities and level of production.

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.
- After an application is received, a pre-site inspection will be arranged with a Ministry of Agriculture livestock engineer. All projects must have a site inspection conducted **prior** to the commencement of any project activities. The site inspection will provide a preliminary assessment of environmental risks and mitigations required.
- Claims must be received by Dec. 31, 2022. A final site inspection will be required to confirm that the changes implemented were in accordance with the initial site inspection.

PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES

- Projects must meet all federal, provincial and rural municipality regulatory requirements and/or approvals.
- Applicants that do not have existing approved plans under *The Agricultural Operations Act* must complete the [Self-Evaluation](#) to determine if their livestock operation requires approval.
- [Regulation of Intensive Livestock Operations in Saskatchewan.](#)
- For technical assistance, contact the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377.

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.
- Confine animals in pens over winter and stockyards located within 300 metres of a watercourse or facilities located within 30 metres of a domestic well not controlled by the person who operates the livestock operation; and
- Decommissioning of the existing site is required.



PROJECT COSTS

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS:

- Technical and/or engineering costs, including preliminary investigation, project management, survey, design and geotechnical investigation or remediated site plans. This work can be funded if the project does not proceed.
- Cost of materials and third-party hired labour for relocating existing or purchase of new permanent infrastructure including corrals, fencing, buildings, concrete, water infrastructure (excluding development of source water such as wells or dugout), earthwork on the new site, manure storages and power installation.
- Cost of abandoned site remediation, such as moving, demolition, decommissioning of old buildings, corrals and reclamation earthworks (e.g. leveling, grading, ditches and berms).
- Eligible items or equipment must be new and purchased by the applicant from a recognized dealer. For the purposes of the program, a recognized vendor is typically defined as a business that is an authorized dealer for a certain item(s).
- Third-party freight.
- In-kind heavy equipment use.
- Use of applicant's equipment at current [Saskatchewan Farm Machinery Custom and Rental Rate Guide](#).

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS:

- Invoices dated before April 1, 2018.
- Costs associated with expanding production capacity. Applicants are only eligible for replacement costs on comparable structures. If you choose to expand the facilities the eligible cost will be proportionally reduced to the amount required to implement the BMP for the existing facilities and level of production.
- Development of a new water source. Projects related to establishing new watering sites may be eligible for funding under the [Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program \(FRWIP\)](#).
- Portable livestock handling equipment. The expectation is any portable livestock handling equipment would be relocated to the new site.
- Compensation for building or livestock losses.
- 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 or 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.