



The Cow-Calf Water Protection Beneficial Management Practice (BMP) seeks to protect or improve surface water resources by mitigating environmental impacts from beef cow-calf operations.

Funding for **cow-calf protection** will assist livestock producers to implement measures to protect water resources by preventing spring run-off from entering their livestock facility or migrating off-site.

FUNDING LEVEL

- 75 per cent of eligible costs up to a maximum payment of \$15,000 under this BMP.

APPLICATION TYPE

Pre-approval is required for this BMP.

- Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis, starting April 1, 2021.
- Applicants must apply and receive pre-approval from the Ministry of Agriculture prior to commencing the project.
 - Applications must contain a detailed site diagram of the project and area requiring run-off control. Include the location of winter feeding areas, corrals, holding pens, sorting/handling pens, manure storage/composting areas, existing water sources such as wells, dugouts and nearby watercourses.
- Application deadline for pre-approval is Aug. 31, 2022.
- Claims must be received by Dec. 31, 2022.
- A site inspection may be completed to verify the information contained in the application or claim form.

ELIGIBILITY

- Producers who can demonstrate a minimum of \$50,000 of gross farm income in Saskatchewan; or
- First Nations in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- Must be a beef cow-calf producer.
- Must have a [Saskatchewan Premises Identification \(PID\) number](#).

PUBLICATIONS/RESOURCES:

- Projects must meet all federal, provincial and rural municipality regulatory requirements and/or approvals.
- [Holding Pond Site Selection and Design](#).
- [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:

- All invoices must be dated April 1, 2021, or later.
- Run-off control works on new or existing livestock confinement, winter feeding or sorting and handling sites.
- While not a mandatory requirement, the program does fund technical, surveying and/or engineering cost. This work can be funded if the project does not proceed.
- Earthwork (holding ponds, ditches, berms, pen re-grading) related to diverting run-off around livestock confinement, winter feeding or sorting/handling and manure storage/composting areas, or diverting and collecting run-off from the livestock facility/area.
- Well head protection and extension of well cribbing, if done in conjunction with a run-off control project.
- Construction materials may include:
 - Culverts, if required to manage diversion/flow of run-off.
 - Erosion control materials, if needed.
 - Earthwork materials (such as rocks, gravel, dirt and clay) required to build berms or to regrade existing pens (applicants may use in-kind materials but materials will only be funded if they are purchased from a third-party and supported by an invoice.)
- 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:

- Dugout or household lagoon construction.
- Run-off control for household lagoons if not part of an overall run-off control project for farmyards and/or livestock facilities.
- Field drainage.
- 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.
- Cement or roller compacted concrete.
- Materials for building fence, windbreaks or other infrastructure.
- Items considered regular replacement, repair or maintenance (including damage to infrastructure during project completion).
- Construction materials not purchased from a recognized vendor. 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).
- Cost of purchasing or leasing equipment.
- Financing, interest, legal fees or taxes.
- Any submission for rebate using 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.