



# Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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## RESILIENT AGRICULTURAL LANDSCAPES PROGRAM (RALP)

### Seeding Forage BMP Tame Forage Stream

The Seeding Forage Beneficial Management Practice (BMP) converts cropland to perennial forage cover. Perennial grasses and legumes sequester carbon, reduce soil erosion, improve water infiltration and provide biodiversity benefits. Flowering tame forage species also provide important forage for managed and native bees and provide refuge habitat for beneficial insects. Additionally, perennial forages can be used as a management tool for fields infected with clubroot.

#### FUNDING LEVEL

**If a producer signs a five-year land use agreement, 50 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$60,000. If a producer opts out of the five-year land use agreement, 50 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$30,000.**

- Maximum rebate for establishment costs is set at \$25 per acre (based on a flat rate establishment cost of \$50 per acre).
- Maximum rebate for certified seed is \$35 per acre (based on maximum costs for seed of \$70 per acre).
  - Producers may opt into adding up to five pollinator species into the seed blend at a flat rate of \$10 per acre for each species. Alfalfa is not eligible for the pollinator rebate.
- Producers may opt into a five-year land use agreement for maintaining the forage at \$20 per acre per year for five years. Full land use agreement payments (\$100 per acre) will be made along with the seeding and establishment rebate.
- Please note, the five-year land use agreement is voluntary. Producers are encouraged to consider this option carefully and review the entire land use agreement prior to making a decision to opt-in to fully understand the requirements as it is a legally binding agreement.

#### APPLICATION TYPE


**Applicants must work with their local Ministry of Agriculture agri-environmental specialist to select their seed blends and complete their rebate application. Please call the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 to connect with a specialist in your area. Rebate applications must be received by February 1, 2028.**

#### AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT

As a condition to access program funding, applicants are required to review the [Agri-Environmental Risk Assessment](#) before beginning their project.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Saskatchewan agricultural producers (individual, partnership or corporation) who can demonstrate a minimum of \$50,000 in gross farm income in Saskatchewan in the year of application or the year prior to the application. Individual applicants are at least 18 years of age. Our programs allow flexibility for new entrants to become eligible if they expect to meet gross farm income eligibility within the five-year term of Sustainable CAP. New entrants who do not meet the annual gross farm income threshold are encouraged to submit a claim and will be required to provide proof of meeting the annual gross farm income threshold before February 29, 2028; or
- Crown Land Pasture Associations in Saskatchewan; or
- First Nation Bands in the Province of 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 \(PID\) number](#).
- Projects must be completed on land used for annual crop production for a minimum of two years.
- Land cannot have been native prairie at any point on or after April 1, 2023.
- Forage blend must be reviewed by a Ministry of Agriculture agri-environmental specialist prior to seeding.



First Nation producers may have distinct characteristics reflecting regulatory, operational, cultural and other factors. Our programs are designed to allow for flexibility to reduce barriers and ensure accessibility. If you are interested in applying for programs and have questions about the application process or eligibility criteria for First Nation producers, please contact the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 and ask to be connected with the appropriate extension specialist.

## **PROJECT COSTS**

### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS**

- Seed costs and establishment of perennial forages as discussed with a Ministry of Agriculture agri-environmental specialist on land that was previously in crop production for a minimum of two years.
- Seed purchased must be Common #1 or Certified #1.

### **INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES OR ITEMS**

- Costs for planting cover or companion crops.
- Seeding a forage blend including more than 20 per cent biennial species (such as yellow sweet clover) or with no grass species present.
- Rejuvenation of existing forages, pastures or hay land.
- Seed purchased prior to April 1, 2023.