

DEADLINE: Applications for rebate must be received on or before **DECEMBER 31, 2022.**

PROGRAM INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Demonstrate a minimum of \$50,000 in gross farm income in Saskatchewan.
- Take the Verified Beef Production Plus (VBP+) training.
- Have an assessment completed by a veterinarian licensed in Saskatchewan.
- Have a Premises Identification number (PID).

ELIGIBLE REBATE ACTIVITIES

Livestock Biosecurity/Animal Welfare

- Equipment as identified on the Biosecurity/Animal Welfare Equipment Recommendation Report.
- Veterinary assessment(s).
- VBP+ audit.

FUNDING:

50 per cent of eligible expenses:

- Eligible equipment costs to a maximum program payment of \$15,000.
- Maximum rebate for veterinarian assessments is \$1,000.
- Rebate for VBP+ audits:
 - Maximum rebate of \$325 for cow calf operations.
 - Maximum rebate of \$425 for feedlots.
- Program payments are subject to a minimum rebate of \$250.

INELIGIBLE ITEMS:

- Taxes, financing fees, interest or legal fees.
- Applicant/employee labour and installation costs; and, corporate administration costs.
- Basic repair and maintenance or ongoing expenses.
- Used or leased equipment.
- Extended warranty or equipment insurance.
- Staff training for equipment (excluding training by a veterinarian).
- Equipment purchases before date of an approved assessment.
- Construction of, or additions to, buildings.
- Items not listed on the Biosecurity/Animal Welfare Equipment Recommendation Report.

By email: agprograms@gov.sk.ca

By mail: Assurance System Producer Program
Ministry of Agriculture, Programs Branch
329 - 3085 Albert Street Regina SK S4S 0B1

For more information: 1-866-457-2377
Saskatchewan.ca/CAP



Part 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT TYPE (SELECT ONE)

INDIVIDUAL CORPORATION CO-OPERATIVE

BUSINESS NAME (CORPORATION, CO-OPERATIVE) (LEAVE BLANK FOR INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT TYPES)

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME (S)

MAILING ADDRESS (CIVIC, RURAL ROUTE, STN, SITE, BOX, ETC)

CITY/TOWN

PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

TELEPHONE (999-999-9999)

CELLULAR PHONE (999-999-9999)

DATE OF BIRTH

SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER

BUSINESS NUMBER (FIRST 9 DIGITS OF GST, CRA BN) (TREATY, BAND)

GROSS FARM INCOME

EMAIL ADDRESS

\$

HOME QUARTER LOCATION - DO YOU LIVE AT THIS LOCATION?

YES NO
RM QUARTER SECTION TOWNSHIP RANGE MERIDIAN

ALTERNATE CONTACT (OPTIONAL)

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

ALTERNATE EMAIL

TELEPHONE (999-999-9999)

BUSINESS PROFILE (COMPLETE THE ITEMS THAT BEST DESCRIBE YOUR AGRICULTURAL OPERATION OR BUSINESS)

A) LAND BASE + =
OWNED ACRES LEASED ACRES TOTAL ACRES

PREMISES IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PID)

B) LAND TYPE + + + =
CULTIVATED ACRES PASTURE ACRES RIPARIAN ACRES OTHER ACRES TOTAL ACRES

C) LIVESTOCK (INCLUDE ALL LIVESTOCK CURRENTLY OWNED, LEASED OR CUSTOM FED)

CATTLE
OF HEAD



Part 2 - PROJECT TYPE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

VBP+ TRAINING COMPLETED

Certificate attached? Yes

ANIMAL WELFARE ASSESSMENT COMPLETED

Date completed: _____

BIOSECURITY ASSESSMENT COMPLETED

Date completed: _____

Part 3 - PROJECT COSTS (PLEASE ATTACH PHOTOCOPIES OF PAID INVOICES)

DESCRIBE THE INVOICED PROJECT MATERIALS OR SERVICES AND VENDOR	Invoice #	Invoice Date (MM/DD/YY)	Item Cost (Excluding taxes)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
Total invoiced cost excluding all taxes			

If additional space is required, please attach additional sheet(s).

Maximum rebate for assessments is \$1,000 (this can include more than one assessment/follow-up assessment).

Assurance System Producer Program payments are subject to eligible expenses only; 50 per cent to a maximum of \$15,000.

Minimum program payment or rebate is \$250.

Ineligible expenses will be deducted from the calculated rebate amount.

Part 4 - CHECKLIST (REVIEW ALL REQUIREMENTS; FAILURE TO INCLUDE WILL RESULT IN PROCESSING DELAYS)

Include all copies of paid invoices or receipts

Proof of VBP+ training completion (e.g. certificate)

VBP+ Audit Certificate (optional)

Biosecurity/Animal Welfare Equipment Recommendation Report



Part 5 - STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

1. I certify that I hereby apply to The Assurance System Program (the Program) administered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture (the Ministry) for payment under The Assurance System Producer Program made pursuant to The Agriculture Administration Act, for the grant requested in this application.
2. I certify that I am the Applicant or where I am authorized to sign on behalf of the Applicant, I will attach the Applicant's documents that authorize me to do so. I agree that all references to "I" in this Statement of Certification shall be deemed to read the "Applicant", with the necessary grammatical changes required; and, that by my signature and delivery of this document to the program, I agree to be legally bound to adhere to the program policies as outlined in the attached guidelines.
3. I certify that:
 - (a) the eligible project was started after April 1, 2018;
 - (b) in the case of an individual, the individual is a Saskatchewan resident who is at least 18 years of age;
 - (c) in the case of a corporation, partnership or co-operative, the corporation, partnership or co-operative has its head office in Saskatchewan or carries on business in Saskatchewan; and
 - (d) the person, partnership or co-operative filed or will file an income tax return respecting farm or business income in Saskatchewan for the year preceding the year for which an application is made, or for the year for which an application is made, that shows or will show a minimum of \$50,000 of income derived from farming or a minimum of \$50,000 of business income related to processing primary agricultural commodities.
4. I declare that no other claim has been made, or is to be made, for the eligible expenditures under this Program or any other government grant, rebate or assistance program unless otherwise disclosed.
5. I certify that the eligible project meets the requirements set out in the program guidelines and that no other grant(s) with respect to this project will be received unless otherwise disclosed to program administration.
6. I agree to provide further information, including income tax returns or access to project records, that the Program may reasonably require and to inform program administration of any changes to the application information for the purpose of administering this application. I further authorize:
 - (a) the program to request information about the Applicant or the Applicant's project from any federal or provincial government department or agency, or from any third party including, but not limited to, Saskatchewan Water Security Agency (WSA), Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC), Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), and to disclose any information contained in this application or provided in relation to the Applicant, to any such department, agency or third party for the purposes of processing this application or administering this program;
 - (b) any department, agency or third party mentioned above, who is requested to verify or provide information, to disclose that information to the program; and
 - (c) this program to disclose information in relation to the Applicant or the Applicant's project to any such department, agency or third party for the purposes of the administration of the program by the Ministry of Agriculture.
7. I agree to provide the Ministry with a program evaluation survey, original receipts for costs claimed for certificates, plans and assessments and photos (if relevant) of the completed, eligible project on request.
8. I consent to and authorize the release of any information to the Ministry relating to my/our business operations from any government ministry, agency, or third party, for the purpose of verifying information and eligibility of this application.
9. I understand that there is no liability with respect to the Ministry of Agriculture, or other government agencies, regarding the construction of an approved project. Neither the Ministry of Agriculture, nor the Government of Saskatchewan, shall be liable to indemnify the Applicant for any liabilities the Applicant incurs in the performance of the work undertaken by it in this project. The Applicant shall hold the Minister, the Government of Saskatchewan, and all government employees, agents and representatives, past or present, harmless from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, expenses and causes of action, including claims:
 - (a) arising out of any breach or failure by the Applicant to perform of any of its obligations under this program;
 - (b) relating to injury (including death) to persons, or loss of or damage to property, arising out of the negligence or willful misconduct of the Applicant, its contractor, officers, agents or employees; or
 - (c) arising out of the work undertaken by the Applicant related to this project including, but not limited to, claims for builders' liens, workers' compensation, employment insurance, holidays, back pay or any rates or charges.
10. I agree that the Ministry, or its designated representatives, are authorized to enter the premises identified on the application or any other premises operated by the Applicant in order to conduct an inspection of the eligible project that is subject of this application.
11. I acknowledge that I am responsible for any cost overruns or expenditures in excess of the amounts contributed by the Ministry under the Program.
12. I acknowledge that the provision of false, misleading or fraudulent information may result in this application and any other past, current or future applications being deemed ineligible and any payments issued being deemed an overpayment.
13. I acknowledge that if, in the Minister's opinion, I breach any of the promises or undertakings, terms or conditions of this application, then the Province may require the Applicant to repay all or part of any payments the Applicant received under the Program, in addition to any other recourse the Province may have including, but not limited to, deeming any past, current or future applications ineligible.
14. I understand that the Ministry has the right to offset all or any portion of a rebate payment against any debt I have owing to the Government of Saskatchewan.
15. I certify that the information included in this application is true and correct in every respect.

I acknowledge and accept the terms and conditions as set out above.

Dated:

Applicant Signature

If submitting by email, please type your name above. If submitting by mail, please sign the printed form.

The personal information in this application is collected under the authority of The *Agriculture Administration Act* and is protected by and is subject to the provisions of The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act)* and *Federal Privacy Act*. Saskatchewan Agriculture (SA) will use the information from this form to determine your benefit under the Assurance System Program. SA will also use your information for the administration of all other programs delivered by SA, to advise you about SA programs and services, for policy and program development and evaluation, and for research and statistical purposes. SA may share your information with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for the administration of other agriculture programs, for policy and program development and evaluation, and for research and statistical purposes. If you have any questions about the collection or use of this information, please contact the Privacy Officer, Saskatchewan Agriculture at 306-787-5141 or 226 - 3085 Albert St., Regina SK, S4S 0B1.