

Farm Stewardship Program

Relocation of Livestock Confinement Facilities BMP

Intent of BMP: To protect/improve ground and surface water quality by the relocation of livestock confinement facilities away from water sources.

Funding Level: 60 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$50,000.
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.** Applicants must submit a pre-approval application prior to commencing their project.
A [Relocation of Livestock Confinement Worksheet](#) must be included at time of application.
After receiving your application a pre-site inspection will be arranged with a Ministry of Agriculture Livestock Engineer. All projects must have a site assessment conducted prior to the commencement of any project activities. The site inspection will provide a preliminary assessment of environmental risk and mitigations required. More detailed assessment and design work will likely be required. A final inspection may be required to confirm that the changes implemented were in accordance with the initial site inspection.

Technical Resource: For technical assistance please contact a Ministry of Agriculture Provincial Livestock Engineer:
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Eligibility:

- Must have an EFP or AEGP Certificate of Completion.
- **Basic Eligibility Criteria** plus:
- 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 above or in close proximity to shallow groundwater.
- Decommissioning of the existing site is required.
- Existing approved plans under The Agricultural Operations Act OR complete the [Self-Evaluation Factsheet](#) to identify if there is a need for approval (attach factsheet to application).

Project Costs: Eligible Costs:

- Engaging a consultant or professional engineer for investigation and design work, geotechnical investigation, survey, relocation design, remediated site plans. This work can be funded if the project does not proceed.
- Cost of materials and 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.
- Applicant and employee labour at a maximum of \$20/hour.
- Use of applicant's equipment at rates included within the Saskatchewan Farm Machinery Custom and Rental Rate Guide.
- Cost of abandoned site remediation, such as moving, demolition, decommissioning of old buildings, corrals and reclamation earthworks (e.g. leveling, grading, ditches and berms).
- Funding caps for approved fencing and decommissioning costs will be applied. Please contact Financial Programs Branch for details.

Ineligible Costs:

- Transportation of manure.
- Development of a new water source.
- Non-permanent infrastructure.
- Costs associated with expanding production capacity.

NOTE: Projects related to establishing new watering sites may be eligible for funding under the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP).