

Farm Stewardship Program

Fencing to Protect Surface Water BMP

Intent of BMP: To protect water quality and riparian areas by controlling the access of livestock to surface water and the riparian zone.

Funding Level: 50 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$10,000.

Application Type: **Rebate.**

Technical Resource: For technical assistance contact a Ministry of Agriculture Regional Forage Specialist.

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.
- Currently graze livestock with direct access to a natural water body.

Project Costs: Eligible Costs:

- Maximum eligible rebate for fencing costs including material, installation, and labour is set at \$2,400/mile (based on maximum costs for fencing of \$4,800/mile).
- Only fencing specific to excluding livestock from a natural water body (lakes, creeks, streams which leave the boundary of the property or/act as natural boundary) is eligible.
- Fencing materials including posts, corner posts and braces, wire, and staples.
- Electric fencing equipment and materials including electric fencer, wire, clamps, insulators, and ground rods.
- Labour including applicant, employee and custom to a maximum of \$20/hour.
- Rented equipment or applicant's equipment charged at rates included in the Saskatchewan Farm Machinery Custom and Rental Rate Guide.

Ineligible Costs:

- Perimeter fencing is ineligible with the exception of section intended to exclude livestock from a lake, creek or water body previously used as a natural boundary.
- Costs related to removing or replacing old or existing fences.
- Any fencing not directly related to preventing livestock from accessing a natural water body.
- Used fencing materials.
- Automatic gate openers.
- Remote livestock watering systems.
- Fencing tools and wire stretchers.
- Items considered regular repair or maintenance.
- Portable livestock corral panels.
- In kind transportation and materials.

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