

Farm Stewardship Program

Farmyard Run-off Control BMP

Intent of BMP: To protect surface and ground water quality and reduce erosion by addressing uncontrolled run-off passing through farmyards and livestock facilities.

Funding Level: 50 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$30,000.

Application Type: **Pre-Approval.** Applicants must submit a pre-approval application prior to commencing their project. 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.
- 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).
- In addition the existing facility must:
 - Be located less than 300 metres from surface water; OR
 - Be located where significant environmental risk exists; OR
 - Require runoff control in accordance with Waste Storage Plans approved under *The Agricultural Operations Act*.

Project Costs: Eligible Costs:

- Hiring an engineer, surveyor or consultant to complete topographic survey and design run-off control plan. This work can be funded if the project does not proceed.
- Earthwork and construction materials related to diverting water around existing farmyards, livestock facilities, wellheads and dugouts (including berms, retention/holding ponds or constructed waterways).
- 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](#).

Project Costs
continued:

Ineligible Costs:

- Run-off control for new livestock operations.
- Wellhead protection or dugout 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, gravel or clay.