

Farm Stewardship Program

Riparian Area Grazing Management and Fencing BMP

Intent of BMP: To protect riparian health through the creation of riparian paddocks (fencing) and the development of grazing plans to properly manage timing, intensity and duration of livestock grazing of these sensitive areas.

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

- 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).

Application Type: **Pre-Approval.**

Please Note: Applicants **MUST** receive pre-approval prior to starting their project. Fences constructed before receiving pre-approval are not eligible.

A grazing plan and native rangeland health assessment is a requirement of this BMP and must be completed by a Ministry of Agriculture Regional Forage Specialist or qualified Agri-Environmental Group Plan Technician in support of your pre-approval application.

Pre-site and post site visits may be completed as part of the pre-approval and/or claim process.

Technical Resource: For information on how to obtain a Grazing Plans and, Riparian Health Assessments or for other 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.
- Eligible Riparian Areas include streams, creeks or large (60 acre+) lakes or reservoirs.

Project Costs: Eligible Costs:

- Costs of cross fencing to create riparian paddocks or riparian grazing systems including:
 - 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.
- Costs associated with construction of access alleys will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Applicant, employee and custom labour 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](#).

Project Costs
continued:

Ineligible Costs:

- Fencing not associated with a riparian grazing system.
- Perimeter fencing.
- Temporary fencing.
- Costs related to removing or replacing old or existing fences.
- Used fencing materials.
- Automatic gate openers.
- Remote livestock watering systems.
- Fencing tools and wire stretchers.
- Portable livestock corral panels.
- In kind transportation and materials.