

# Farm Stewardship Program

## Carcass Disposal Planning BMP

**Intent of BMP:** To assist livestock producers in preparing environmentally sound plans for large scale emergency carcass disposal in the event of livestock disease outbreaks or natural and operational disasters.

Preplanned mortality disposal is beneficial in mitigating potential environmental damage through proper disposal as well as reducing nuisance and preventing disease transmission while facilitating rapid disposal and industry recovery.

**Funding Level:** 75 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$30,000.

**Application Type:** **Pre-Approval.**

**Typical Projects:**

- This BMP is intended to encourage producers to develop a preparedness plan for disposal of significant numbers of livestock carcasses in the event of large mortality events. It is not intended for day to day mortality management equipment or planning (such as small mechanical composters or small incinerators).
- Carcass burial site location, bulk composting or high throughput incineration plans would typically be utilized.
- Engaging a professional engineering consultant for site characterization (geotechnical investigation) for the purpose of creating a site plan for carcass disposal or preparing reports to meet regulatory requirements.

**Technical Resource:** For more information on this BMP, please contact Program Design and Delivery Branch at 1-877-874-5365.

For technical assistance please contact the Ministry of Agriculture Provincial Environmental Engineer:

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Publications:

- [Managing Livestock Mortalities](#)
- [Emergency Livestock Disposal Sites](#)
- [Composting Animal Mortalities: A Producer's Guide](#)

**Eligibility:**

- Must have an EFP.
- **Basic Eligibility Criteria plus:**
- Existing livestock breeding or feeding operations who own, lease or custom graze a minimum of 20 animal units.
- Applicants that do not have existing approved plans under *The Agricultural Operations Act* must complete the [Self-Evaluation Factsheet](#).
- Carcass disposal plans must meet all Federal, Provincial, and Municipal

Eligibility continued: regulatory requirements and/or approvals. Rural Municipalities or Industry Groups may be eligible to apply on a case by case basis.

**Project Costs:** Eligible Costs:

- Consulting or engineering services related to the mass mortality carcass disposal plan.
- A copy of the assessment/report is required before the project is funded.
- Costs associated with purchase and installation of high throughput commercially available incineration equipment identified in an approved carcass disposal plan.
- 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:

- Costs for projects started prior to April 1, 2015.
- This BMP is not intended to fund costs associated with actual carcass disposal events.
- Mechanical composting equipment designed for day to day carcass disposal.
- Incineration equipment that is designed for small batch incineration of carcasses.
- Excavation of carcass disposal burial sites.
- Transportation of carcasses to/for disposal.
- Compensation for any loss to buildings.
- Compensation for any loss to livestock.
- Costs/fees required for acquiring/accessing/utilizing off-site disposal sites.
- Operational costs or items considered regular replacement, repair or maintenance.
- Capital or operational costs for equipment utilized for handling carcasses, e.g. trucks, trailers, loaders, excavators, etc.
- Used, leased or home fabricated items or equipment. To be eligible, new items or equipment MUST be purchased from a recognized dealer.
- In-kind freight and in-kind payment (e.g. trading) for third party services.
- Costs funded under any other BMP or Federal, Provincial, or Municipal program including Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP).