

Farm Stewardship Program

Shelterbelt Establishment BMP

Intent of BMP: Shelterbelt establishment is to provide assistance to plant trees and shrubs for protection of livestock facilities, snow trapping/field enhancement and vegetative buffers along riparian areas.

Funding Level: Rebate at a rate of \$1,200 per mile (allocated \$600 per mile for tree purchases and \$600 per mile for eligible establishment costs) to a maximum of \$5,000. Tree purchases must be supported by invoices. Block plantings will be converted to an equivalent linear mile for payment calculation.

Application Type: **Rebate.** Applicants are required to submit a site diagram with their application. Site diagrams should include land location, project design, planting dimensions and the locations of any buildings, waterways and livestock facilities.

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

Eligibility:

- Must have an EFP.
- **Basic Eligibility Criteria.**

Project Costs: Eligible Costs

- Projects must be comprised primarily of trees or cuttings procured from recognized dealer or tree farm.
- Tree species selected must be suitable for shelterbelt purposes (ornamental trees will be considered on a case by case basis).
- Establishment costs in conjunction with purchase of eligible trees including planting bed preparation, herbicide application and planting. Establishment costs must be supported by list of activities performed and associated costs.

Ineligible Costs

- Projects cannot include the planting of any of the following species of trees or shrubs: Glossy buckthorn, Sea Buckthorn, European Buckthorn, Russian Olive, Autumn Olive, Caragana, Siberian Elm, Exotic Bush Honeysuckle and Salt Cedar (or Tamarisk).
- Tree species intended for harvesting for economic benefit (e.g. Christmas trees, fruit orchards, and woodlots).
- Shelterbelt establishment around portions of farmyards that are not related to the livestock facility.
- Shelterbelt maintenance or rejuvenation.
- Purchase and relocation of established trees.