

Farm Stewardship Program

Irrigation Efficiency BMP

Intent of BMP: This BMP helps producers convert from gravity, or side-wheel irrigation systems, to a low-pressure centre pivot (LPCP) or low pressure linear system. This will improve the efficiency of energy and water use on farms, and encourage long-term capacity and growth of irrigation operations and environmental management practices.

Funding Level: 40 per cent of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$25,000 for an upgrade from a gravity or side-wheel irrigation system to a new low pressure centre pivot or low pressure linear system.

Application [Pre-Approval](#)

Type: 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 Irrigation Specialist. Inspections may also be required once the project is complete.

Technical Resource: For technical assistance with your project, contact the Crops and Irrigation Branch at 306-867-5500.

Eligibility:

- Must have an [Environmental Farm Plan \(EFP\)](#).
- Meet [Basic Eligibility Criteria](#).
- Irrigate a minimum of 10 acres.
- Have a Water Rights file number with the Water Security Agency, or a Water Service Agreement with an irrigation district.
- Modifications to pump sites may require approvals from the Federal Government (e.g. Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada) and/or the Ministry of Environment and/or the Water Security Agency.

Project Costs: *Eligible Costs:*

- Design, purchase and installation of a new low pressure centre pivot or low pressure linear system.
- New equipment purchased from a licensed irrigation supply dealer, and installed by a licensed service provider.
- Changes to the water supply infrastructure to support a low pressure center pivot.

Ineligible Costs:

- New low pressure centre pivot or low pressure linear systems for irrigation expansion.
- In-kind labour and materials.
- Items considered to be regular repair or maintenance.
- Modification of irrigation works not owned by the applicant (e.g. irrigation district works, city effluent works).
- Used and leased items or equipment.