



# Cattle and Sheep Industry Enhancement Program Guidelines

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## CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP (CAP)

The governments of Canada and Nova Scotia are committed to ensuring farmers and processors have the tools they need to innovate, grow and prosper. The *Canadian Agricultural Partnership* agreement is part of a commitment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to promote productivity and profitability for the sector. The programs are designed to help the industry position itself to respond to future opportunities and to realize its full potential as a significant contributor to the economy. Programs are also tailored with the flexibility to meet diverse regional requirements.

The partnership is a five-year, \$3-billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments that aims to strengthen the agriculture and agri-food sector and ensure continued innovation, growth and prosperity. The partnership includes \$1 billion for federal activities and programs, and \$2 billion in cost-shared programs delivered by provinces and territories on a 60-40 basis. In Nova Scotia, \$37 million will be invested through provincially delivered programs focusing on Markets and Trade; Science, Research and Innovation; Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change; Risk Management; Value Added Agriculture and Agri-Food Processing; and Public Trust.

In addition to cost-shared strategic initiatives, the partnership includes several business risk-management programs to help farmers manage risks that threaten the viability of their farms.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Cattle and Sheep Industry Enhancement program seeks to improve industry competitiveness and resilience by:

- enhancing animal health and welfare;
- disease prevention and control; and
- improving genetic potential.

Adoption of improved practices will assist farms in their commitment to industry sustainability and growth by supporting:

- education and awareness;
- implementing safe handling equipment and training;
- utilizing new pastures to minimize parasite load; and
- performance evaluation testing.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program consists of three (3) streams. Farms may apply to each stream where they meet the eligibility requirements. Funding maximum in each stream is outlined in the table below and is separate and independent of each other.

Stream	Producer Eligible	Stream Max Funding
Stream 1 - Performance Evaluation	Cattle & Sheep	Max Funding depends on type of Livestock *(See table in Stream 1 for all Funding Limits)
Stream 2 - Sheep Safe Handling, Animal Health and Pasture Management	Sheep	\$2,000.00
Stream 3 - Cattle Safe Handling and Animal Health Management	Cattle	\$4,000.00

## STREAM 1 – PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

### ELIGIBILITY

An eligible applicant is a farm that:

- is currently and properly registered in the correct income category under the *Farm Registration Act*;
- is at least 19 years of age and actively farming in the program year;
- has generated an annual eligible gross commodity income of \$30,000. The eligible commodity income will be based on the Statement of Farming Activities (T2042, T1273 or Schedule 125 - Farm Revenue: detailing sales by commodity revenue code);
- producers must have a Premise Identification. To obtain a Nova Scotia Premise ID, please visit: <http://www.novascotia.ca/agri/pid>; and
- is currently in good standing with Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia (“SPANS”), designated under the *Agriculture and Marketing Act*; and or the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers (“NSCP”) Licensing and Levy requirements under the *Natural Products Act*;

**Note:** Cattle and Sheep eligible for performance evaluations must be intended for breeding

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Each applicant may be eligible for 40% funding assistance to a maximum level listed within the table below

Stream 1 – Performance Evaluation		
Projects	Activities	Maximum Funding
Bulls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weight Performance Testing, <i>must include the following tests:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Residual Feed Intake (RFI) measurement</li> <li>2. Average Daily Gain (ADG)</li> <li>3. Weight per Day of Age (WDA)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$500 / Bull</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breeding Soundness Evaluation (BSE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$125 / Bull</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carcass Measurement Evaluation (rib-eye, back fat and intramuscular fat %)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$125 / Bull</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genomics Testing (nationally accredited lab)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$65 / Bull</li> </ul>
Heifers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weight Performance Testing, <i>must include the following tests:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Residual Feed Intake (RFI) measurement</li> <li>2. Average Daily Gain (ADG)</li> <li>3. Weight per Day of Age (WDA)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$250 / Heifer</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breeding Soundness Evaluation (BSE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$100 / Heifer</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genomics Testing (nationally accredited lab)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$65 / Heifer</li> </ul>

Rams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weight Performance Testing, <i>must include the following tests:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residual Feed Intake (RFI) measurement</li> <li>Average Daily Gain (ADG)</li> <li>Weight per Day of Age (WDA)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$100 / Rams</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breeding Soundness Evaluation (BSE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$125 / Ram</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genomics Testing (nationally accredited lab)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$65 / Ram</li> </ul>
Genetic Selection Consultation *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flock Genetic Plan</li> <li>Herd Genetic Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% Cost Share (Max of \$500)</li> </ul>

\*Genetic Selection Consultation plans will be a one-time cost share for the duration of the program per species/farm.

**NOTE: All Performance Evaluation Testing Results must be submitted at the time of claiming**

## STREAM 2 & 3 – SAFE HANDLING, HEALTH AND PASTURE MANAGEMENT

### ELIGIBILITY

An eligible applicant is a farm that:

- is currently and properly registered in the correct income category under the *Farm Registration Act*;
- is at least 19 years of age and actively farming in the program year;
- has generated an annual eligible gross commodity income of \$30,000. The eligible commodity income will be based on the Statement of Farming Activities (T2042, T1273 or Schedule 125 - Farm Revenue: detailing sales by commodity revenue code);
- producers must have a Premise Identification. To obtain a Nova Scotia Premise ID, please visit: <http://www.novascotia.ca/agri/pid>;
- is currently in good standing with Sheep Producers Association of Nova Scotia (“SPANS”), designated under the *Agriculture and Marketing Act*; and or the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers (“NSCP”) Licensing and Levy requirements under the *Natural Products Act*; and
- provides a pasture and/or handling system design(s) in addition to a complete list of materials required.

**NOTE:** Applicants must have completed a recognized humane handling course to be eligible for program compensation. A schedule of available courses and training will be communicated to eligible applicants.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There are two categories of maximum funding within this program separated by type of producer.

**Note:** Farms may apply to each stream where they meet the eligibility requirements. Funding maximum in each stream is outlined in the table below and is separate and independent of each other.

Producer	Cost Share %	Maximum Funding / Farm
Cattle	40%	\$4,000.00
Sheep	40%	\$2,000.00

Applicants can apply for the projects and activities listed in the table below. Expenses must be incurred between April 1, 2019 and March 1, 2020.

**NOTE:** Projects and activities will be evaluated and eligibility determined from the system design and list of materials submitted at the time of application.

Stream 2 – Sheep Safe Handling, Animal Health and Pasture Management (Max Funding \$2000.00)	
Projects	Activities
Health Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Load Bars</li> <li>• Scales</li> <li>• Scale Heads</li> <li>• Scale Connecting Wiring</li> </ul>
Safe Handling Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corral Panels and Gates</li> <li>• Crowding Tubs</li> <li>• Handling Alleys</li> <li>• Handling Crate</li> </ul>
Fencing – <i>Pasture Management</i> <i>Note: Contracted labour is eligible for the installation of permanent fencing excluding any labour performed by farm owners and their employees</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electric Fence Insulators</li> <li>• Electric Fencing (wiring and nets)</li> <li>• Fence Posts</li> <li>• Fencer (Energizer)</li> <li>• Page-wire Fencing</li> <li>• Solar or Wind Powered Energy Source (solar panels, storage batteries, grounding rods &amp; connecting wires)</li> </ul>
Mobile Remote Water Systems – <i>Pasture Management</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tanks</li> <li>• Pumps</li> <li>• Watering Tubs (including floats)</li> <li>• Connecting Hoses</li> <li>• Solar or Wind Powered Energy Source (solar panels, storage batteries, grounding rods &amp; connecting wires)</li> </ul>

Stream 3 – Cattle Safe Handling and Animal Health Management (Max Funding \$4000.00)	
Projects	Activities
Health Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Load Bars</li> <li>• Scales</li> <li>• Scale Heads</li> <li>• Scale Connecting Wiring</li> </ul>
Safe Handling Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corral Panels and Gates</li> <li>• Crowding Tubs</li> <li>• Handling Alleys</li> <li>• Immobilizing Head Gates (<i>Brand Name and Model # of the unit will be required with the application</i>)</li> <li>• Locking Head Gates (Dairy Operations Only)</li> <li>• Squeeze Chutes</li> </ul>

<b>ALL STREAMS</b>		
<b>1. Application Process</b>	<b>2. Approval Process</b>	<b>3. Claiming Process</b>

## 1. APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Intake	Activity Period	Claim Deadline
July 1, 2019 – December 20, 2019	April 1, 2019 – March 1, 2020	March 1, 2020

To apply for the Cattle and Sheep Industry Enhancement Program:

1. Complete the Cattle and Sheep Industry Enhancement Program application.
2. Attach a copy of your CRA farming revenue and expenses identifying your primary agricultural commodity and a minimum of income of \$30,000 (unless previously submitted for 2018-19 programs).
3. All additional documentation required.

**Note:**

- Clients new to programs since 2019 must complete the Program Funding Registration form.
- Returning clients, please refer to the Program Funding Registration form and update the form with any changes to:
  - contact information
  - business information including structure, commodities, environmental farm plan and Premise ID

**Submit all documents to:  
Programs and Business Risk Management (PBRM)**

74 Research Drive  
Bible Hill, Nova Scotia B6L 2R2  
Tel: 902-893-6377 Toll Free: 1-866-844-4276  
Fax: 902-893-7579  
Email: [prm@novascotia.ca](mailto:prm@novascotia.ca)

## 2. APPROVAL PROCESS

1. Applications are assessed based on the information and supporting documentation. If an application requires further assessment or information, Programs staff will follow up with the applicant.
2. If approved, applicants receive a Letter of Agreement (LOA) that identifies the eligible project activities, assistance offered, and the terms and conditions under which assistance is approved.
3. Sign and return the LOA to the Programs office within 60 days of the date of the letter to secure your funding. Late agreements will forfeit any assistance offered.

**You must review and return the signed copy of the Letter of Agreement to the PBRM office within 60 days or you will forfeit the funding.**



### 3. CLAIMING PROCESS

1. Complete your approved projects within the timeline identified in the Application Process Table listed on page 7.
2. Complete and sign the Program Claim Form that you received with your LOA.
3. Attach copies of all invoices for eligible project costs incurred and paid for by the applicant. Eligible purchases are **only** those made and paid for by the applicant. Group purchases are not eligible.
4. Attach proof of payment for each invoice – debit slips, cancelled cheques, or credit card statements.

**Note:** receipted invoices marked paid and signed by the supplier are not accepted as a proof of payment. No payment will be made for claims under \$20.00.

5. Submit your claim with the required supporting documentation to the PBRM office by the claim deadline.

### LEASED LAND

Eligible projects must be directly applicable to the registered farm qualifying for the assistance on agricultural land owned or leased. A copy of the long-term lease (10 years) or rental agreement must accompany the application form for all physical projects applicable to the leased/rented land. It is a condition of approval that the lease be of at least 10 years duration. You must advise us immediately, in writing, if the lease is terminated, if the term of the lease changes or if the identity of the lessor changes in any way (for example, if the lessor assigns the lease or if the lease changes in composition).

### ARM'S LENGTH TRANSACTIONS

Financial assistance will only be offered on transactions (invoices) that involve a supplier/service provider with an arms-length relationship to the applicant for approved projects. For the purposes of Programs, Arm's Length is defined as individuals who are NOT connected by blood relationship, marriage, common-law partnership, or adoption.

### PROJECT EVALUATION AND AUDIT

Review and evaluation of projects may be carried out by officials of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture (NSDA), Government of Canada or other parties chosen by the NSDA for the purpose of audit, analysis, evaluation, program development and determining assistance. This review and evaluation process may be conducted prior to project commencement, during work or upon project completion. Applicants may be asked to complete an evaluation survey statement related to their final claim.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

Applicants consent to the release of their name and the amount of support received under the program. This specific information is deemed to be public information, to be actively disseminated by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture (NSDA). NSDA may provide any information from an applicant to another public body or a law-enforcement agency in Canada to assist in an investigation, undertaken with a view to a law-enforcement proceeding or from which a law-enforcement proceeding is likely to result. Any other information provided, unless disclosed in the manner and for the purposes stated above, will be subject to the confidentiality and disclosure provisions to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Act.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

To find out more information about the Cattle and Sheep Industry Enhancement program, please contact Programs at 902-893-6377, toll free 1-866-844-4276, or your regional office at the following locations:

Western Region Offices	Cornwallis	902-638-2395
	Kentville	902-679-6021
	Lunenburg	902-634-7575
Eastern Region Offices	Truro	902-893-6575
	Antigonish	902-863-7180
	Sydney	902-563-2000