

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

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Additional criteria for eligible activities

for the Yukon

from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028



Instructions:

Review carefully as there are funding limits and additional conditions and criteria for:

- certain eligible activities; and
- for certain type of applicants per activity.

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Agriculture and value-added development

Eligible activities	Funding maximums Lifetime of the program is from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028.	Additional eligibility criteria
Purchase of farm equipment or machinery		
Purchase of machinery, implements and attachments	Up to 60 per cent of equipment costs to a cumulative maximum of \$20,000 over the lifetime of the program	<p>Eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are eligible to receive funding for a maximum of two pieces of equipment over the lifetime of the program <p>Ineligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items that are ineligible for funding include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ tractors ○ trailers ○ trucks ○ buildings ○ hand tools ○ fuel tanks

Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) category

Eligible activities	Funding maximums Lifetime of the program is from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028.		Additional eligibility criteria
Beneficial Management Practices	60 per cent of project costs to a maximum amount per BMP (unless otherwise specified).		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most BMPs will require an Environmental Farm Plan. Discuss with the Agriculture Branch prior to implementing.
<p>The Government of Yukon is working to finalize the details for additional BMPs and funding maximums. If your proposed project includes this type of eligible activity, contact the Agriculture Branch to discuss how to include it in your application package.</p>			
Special BMP: Developing fields and land utilization			
Clearing field areas by removing trees, shrubs, rocks and roots	Up to a maximum of \$400 per hectare	Up to a cumulative maximum of \$800 per hectare	<p>Eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects are considered complete once a crop suitable for human or animal consumption has been seeded. Titled farm fields that have not been cleared or were previously cleared but are now covered in forest regrowth. <p>Ineligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land previously improved with assistance from other federal or territorial government programs.
Removing woody debris by chipping, mulching or salvaging woody material	Up to a maximum of \$200 per hectare		
Preparing the land for seeding by breaking and cultivating the soil	Up to a maximum of \$200 per hectare		



Community agriculture category

Eligible activities	Funding maximums Lifetime of the program is from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028.	Additional eligibility criteria
Establishing and maintaining community gardens and greenhouses	100 per cent of costs, up to a maximum of \$15,000 per year	Eligible costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• consultant fees for garden or greenhouse design.• wages and honourariums for community garden coordinator or manager.• costs for garden or greenhouse construction.• maintenance costs (materials, equipment and freight).• costs for garden and greenhouse supplies (tools, soil, seeds, fertilizer).

Science and research category

Eligible activities	Funding maximums Lifetime of the program is from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028.	Additional eligibility criteria
<p>The Government of Yukon is working to finalize the details on this eligible activity including its criteria and funding maximums. If your proposed project includes this type of eligible activity, contact the Agriculture Branch to discuss how to include it in your application package.</p>		

Training and business development category

Eligible activities	Funding maximums Lifetime of the program is from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028.	Additional eligibility criteria
Business planning		
Hiring consultant services and purchasing business software	<p>Up to a maximum of \$5,000 with the applicant contributing \$100 for every \$1,000 in funding.</p> <p>For expenses above \$5,000: Up to a maximum of 60 per cent of costs, up to a maximum of \$20,000 over the lifetime of the program</p>	<p>Eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> qualified consultant that is providing business planning, advisory services or financial analysis. <p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consultant fees; and travel expenses for consultant costs of business software.
Training		
Attending agricultural courses, seminars, workshops and conferences	<p>For commercial and new entrants/small businesses applicants only: Up to 60 per cent of project costs to a maximum of \$5,000 per year and \$15,000 over the program's lifetime.</p> <p>For organizations and governments: 100 per cent of project costs.</p>	<p>Eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> registration fees; and travel expenses.
Participating in mentorship opportunities		No additional criteria.
Hosting agricultural courses, seminars, workshops and conferences		<p>Eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> instructor and speaker fees; venue and equipment rental; advertising costs; and travel expenses.



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Internship		
<p>Hiring an intern and providing an opportunity for skill development in the agriculture and agri-food sector.</p>	<p>For commercial and new entrants/small businesses applicants only: Up to a maximum of \$7,500 of eligible costs per year and up to a maximum of \$22,500 over the lifetime of the program.</p> <p>For non-profit organizations, governments and institutions applicants only: 100 per cent of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$12,500 per year and up to a maximum of \$37,500 over the lifetime of the program.</p>	<p>Eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The internship term must be for a minimum of 8 weeks to a maximum of 25 weeks. • The intern must be eligible to work in the Yukon and demonstrate a commitment to work in the industry. • The intern should have some agricultural background, education, training or experience. • The intern must be a Canadian citizen or in the process of obtaining citizenship or residency. • Applicant must provide financial documentation for eligible costs. <p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intern wages; • contributions for Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board; and • mandatory employment-related costs. <p>Ineligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applicant's family members.

Protection from wildlife category

Eligible activities	Funding maximums Lifetime of the program is from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028.	Additional eligibility criteria
Fencing		Ineligible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-posts for perimeter, game or cross fencing.
Game fencing	\$9.00 per linear foot (\$29.52 per linear m) up to a maximum of \$50,000 over the lifetime of the program	Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 8-foot-high (2.43 m) game fencing for titled farm land. • Pressure-treated wood posts or steel posts with a minimum diameter of 2 inches (5.08 cm) must be used. • Fencing for high-value crops (forage, grains). • Fencing for other crop types may be eligible at the discretion of the Agriculture Branch.
Cross fencing and perimeter fencing	\$2.00 per linear foot (\$6.56 per linear metre)	Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressure-treated wood posts or steel posts with a minimum diameter of 2 inches (5.08 cm) must be used.
Wildlife friendly fencing	\$3.00 per linear foot (\$9.84 per linear metre)	Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See specifications per Fencing to Contain Horses on Yukon Government Grazing Agreements Bulletin.
Electric fencing	Up to a maximum of 60 per cent of costs for materials.	Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See specifications per Reducing wildlife conflict with electric fencing: A beginner's guide.



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Crops		
Wildlife-proofing of crop storage facilities	Up to 60 per cent of the additional build cost	Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be implemented in an existing building or facility.
Crop protection measures	Up to 60 per cent of the cost of materials.	Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures may include netting, alarms and repellents.
Guardian dogs		
Livestock guardian dog	Up to a maximum of 60 per cent of cost, up to a maximum of \$500 per dog	Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a pedigreed livestock guardian dog. • The breed must be approved by the Government of Yukon. • Must be used to address problems associated with wildlife predation on either crops or livestock.

Resources

- [Fencing to Contain Horses on Yukon Government Grazing Agreements Bulletin](#) This best management practices bulletin is to provide fencing construction guidelines and specifications that will contain horses on Yukon Government grazing agreements and help keep wildlife safe.
- [Reducing wildlife conflict with electric fencing: A beginner's guide](#) This guide provides you with information to properly design and install an electric fence in Yukon.

Compensation for wildlife damage category

Eligible activities	Funding maximums Lifetime of the program is from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028.	Additional eligibility criteria
Loss of livestock due to predation		
<p>Eligible livestock lost due to predation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cattle, sheep, goats, swine, elk, bison, llamas, alpaca and rabbits. • Domestic poultry: turkey, chicken, quail. • Other species may be eligible at the discretion of the Agriculture Branch. 	<p>See Terms and conditions for compensation for loss of livestock due to predation below on how values are assessed for compensation.</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any meat, dairy or egg producing animal for human consumption. (see eligible livestock) • See Terms and conditions for compensation for loss of livestock due to predation below. <p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • value of the animal as an eligible livestock; and • cost of veterinary care or other treatment to prevent further suffering or distress to the animal. <p>Ineligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other animal including horses, donkeys or companion/guardian animals. • Incidents of wildlife feeding on livestock that had previously died due to other illness or injury.



Eligible activities	Funding maximums Lifetime of the program is from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028.	Additional eligibility criteria
Loss of crops due to wildlife		
<p>Damage caused by waterfowl and big game to crops in the Yukon.</p>	<p>Up to a maximum of 90 per cent of the value of the lost crop.</p> <p>If values for current market prices are not available in the Yukon, the current values from Alberta or British Columbia will be used.</p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage must be caused by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ deer; ○ moose; ○ bear; ○ bison; ○ ducks ○ geese; or ○ elk. <p>Attention: for elk-caused damage see Terms and conditions for compensation for elk-caused damage on Yukon farms below.</p> <p>Eligible crops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high value forage crops; • berries; • haskaps; and • vegetables. <p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement costs; and • freight to transport the product to the Yukon.



Terms and conditions for compensation for loss of livestock due to predation

Applicant eligibility and obligations:

- Applicant must be a producer.
- Producer must be able to demonstrate a commitment to effectively managing attractants that could lead to wildlife conflicts.

As soon as a predatory attack is discovered:

- Producer must contact Conservation Officer Services Branch (867-667-5652).
- Following a Conservation Officer inspection, the producer must contact the Agriculture Branch (867-667-5838) if they are intending to make a claim.
- Producer must provide evidence indicating the animal was alive prior to the predatory attack.
- Producer must preserve all evidence of the attack for an investigator to view. Photographs are accepted. If there is insufficient evidence, compensation may not be paid.
- Producer with unique species or animals that are registered will be required to provide evidence of the livestock's value for compensation to be paid.

Evaluation of application and claim:

- If there is sufficient evidence to prove a predatory attack and the producer has previously undertaken mitigations to reduce or prevent loss, compensation may be approved.
- Values for eligible livestock species will be determined using current market value in the Yukon for the replacement of that animal at the time of the loss.
- If a current market value is not available in the Yukon, the *Compensation for Destroyed Animals Regulations (SOR/2000-233)* may be applied.
- If evidence is inconclusive, but the probable cause of loss is a predator, the producer may receive up to 50 per cent compensation.
- Claims that do not meet all of the requirements may be assessed by the Agriculture Branch to determine the level of compensation.
- Compensation for a beef calf will be provided at 100 per cent of its current market value at the time of death provided all producer requirements and obligations are met. Market value will be based off the current values provided by CanFax.

Ineligible

- The producer has been issued a citation or warning related to the claim from Conservation Officer Services under the *Wildlife Act*.
- The producer has not demonstrated a commitment to effectively managing attractants that could lead to wildlife conflicts.

Terms and conditions for compensation for elk-caused damage on Yukon farms

Applicant obligations:

You must contact the Government of Yukon when you notice elk on your fields or damage to your fields caused by elk.

- Conservation Officer Services Branch: 867-667-5652 or Agriculture Branch: 867-667-5838.
- For either: toll free in Yukon: 1-800-661-0408 and ask to be transferred

If warranted, a Conservation Officer will issue a *Wildlife Act* Permit to harass elk using a variety of methods.

If harassment is unsuccessful the Conservation Officer will work to issue Conflict Hunt Authorization for the farm area.

Eligibility criteria

- Fields must be located within the Yukon.
- Producers must provide proof of ownership or lease confirmation on fields with damage.
- Producers must keep records of damages and ongoing elk activity.
- Producers must show a firm commitment to preventing and/or reducing the amount of damage resulting from elk damage on forage crops which includes approved prevention/mitigation activities.
- Producers must allow for hunting on their farm.
- Eligible damage is limited to cultivated forage crops currently in production or fencing that surrounds high value crop areas. Assistance will not cover protecting feed crops not brought in from the field that could have been harvested or crops which are stored in a manner that cannot be protected.
- Forage crops that are not eligible for compensation include crops that have been mowed, swathed, gathered in sheaves, stooks or bales and crops stacked in fields.
- Producers must follow traditional field and crop management practices.
- Producers must notify the Agriculture Branch while the damage is occurring or as soon as possible after the damage has occurred to allow for the damage to be inspected.
- Damage must be inspected prior to the crop being harvested or being grazed by livestock in order to be eligible for compensation. The producer must permit access to fields for crop assessment as well as provide supporting field information (maps, acreage, age, type of stand, irrigation and fertilizer information).
- Producers must notify the Agriculture Branch if there is an intention to plow and replant a portion of a field as a result of elk damage.
- Losses will be determined according to generally established crop loss adjusting procedures.



Categories of compensation

1. Shepherding

Harassment and hazing elk from fields has had limited success and poses many risks to titled property and to the public. Shepherding elk off fields can be equally successful with much less risk.

A permit may be required.

Compensation will be provided at \$30 per hour up to a maximum of \$1,000 (costs over \$1,000 can be reviewed by the program evaluation committee) to cover time spent.

Reimbursement will be provided on receipt of documented hours for each day of activities and methods used.

2. Fencing damage

Applies to agricultural producers with fence repair costs due to elk damage. Fencing repairs are paid out at 100%.

A value of \$40 per post is used to compensate for the cost of a broken post and the time needed for installation.

A labour rate of up to \$30 per hour will be used for compensation claims.

Documentation of time and activities are required to process a compensation claim. Completed work will be inspected.

Farmers affected by the elk are encouraged to use flagging to show their upper fence strands.

3. Crop and feed loss

Applies to agricultural producers who have taken steps to minimize ungulate damage but still suffer losses on stored hay, stored silage or unharvested crops.

Crop loss and stored feed losses are paid out at 100%. The crop loss payment is based on the verified yield lost.

Producers are responsible for providing a summary of past yields and management practices.

An initial assessment of crop yield is required in order for the producer to be fairly compensated. If the crop is harvested or the damage is already widespread it becomes impossible to determine yield losses.

Payment for lost stored feed is based on the value of the lost bales or the cost to buy new bales in order to feed livestock.

4. Overwintering hay field crop loss determination

Applies to agricultural producers where there is ongoing year over year reduction in hay yields due to elk living on hay fields.

Hazing and proper fencing must also be included in the farm activities to prevent damage, but damage may occur nonetheless.

A study was completed over the winter of 2014/15 which monitored elk bedding and pawing habits across a large hay field. Four hundred data points were collected in an early spring assessment which showed a 20% reduction in productivity at the points where the elk were either bedding or pawing. Movement of animals (walking) was not quantified, nor is it of concern for field damage.

The compensation provides for 20% of yield losses year over year in the area of impact.

The farmer has to provide yield records for the area that is being impacted and records must span back over the year of damage and the previous 5 years so an average of hay yields can be determined (olympic averaging is used).



If there is impact across a field the entire field can be included in the calculation. If only certain areas of the field are impacted by elk bedding and pawing, then those areas must be measured.

Other factors that impact hay stand yields: seasonal moisture, winter temperatures, fertilizer application, irrigation, age and type of the grass, weather variability, livestock access, mower height, and weed control.
Year over year variations in crop yields are best handled through the federal government's [AgriInvest](#) and [AgriStability](#) programs.

5. Seed costs

Winter kill reduces the number of viable plants per acre, after damage has occurred it is a best practice to reseed either with a no-till drill or an aerator.

This program will provide compensation at a maximum of \$75 per acre for seed costs with receipts and an inspection showing reseeding occurred.

For more information on the compensation program:

Contact the Agriculture Branch

Phone: 867-667-5838 or toll free in Yukon: 1-800-661-0408 and ask to be transferred

Email: emr-sustainablecap@yukon.ca