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2025 Special Intake – Livestock Water Supply

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For any questions, you may contact the Program Administrator:

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This Program Guide has been updated since the intake opened to expand eligible regions and update eligible expenses.

Section 1 - Program Description

BMP 4700: 2025 Special Intake – Livestock Water Supply

This intake is exclusively for livestock producers in specific areas impacted by dry conditions.

Accessing new or expanding existing water supplies can be critical in contending with more frequent and prolonged periods of dry conditions.

Eligible applicants may submit one (1) application for this intake, which may include multiple locations or projects within the same application.


Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis until available funding has been allocated. **Only complete applications will be considered. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

Cost Share Ratio and Funding Cap

BMP 4700 has a cost share ratio of 50 per cent government, 50 per cent applicant, and a BMP funding cap of \$15,000 per applicant.

Producers that were previously approved for Sustainable Agriculture Manitoba - BMP 4700 are eligible for up to an additional \$15,000 under the *2025 Special Intake – Livestock Water Supply* for new projects.

Code	Practice Description	Cap
4701	<p>Establish new or expand existing water supply for agricultural use by installing infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wells: drilling new or deepening/extending existing, plus test hole drilling, screening, casing, well caps, etc.• Dugouts: constructing new or rehabilitating existing dugouts, aeration systems.• Associated components and actions to bring water to the surface: purchase and installation of pipe, plumbing, electrical, solar and wind power, pump and pressure systems, trenching, earthworks, etc.• Permanent pipeline development: pipelines below the frost line OR shallow/above ground pipelines that can be winterized, pipe, plumbing materials, trenching, earthworks, etc.	\$15,000



The following expenses are **ineligible** under BMP 4700 – 2025 Special Intake:

- Hauling or pumping of water
- All expenses associated with watering stations (i.e., troughs, automatic waterers, watering bowls, storage tanks, etc)
- Portable gas/diesel powered water pumps, generators, water meters
- Temporary set up of watering systems
- Ditching and other drainage work, including filling in old dugouts
- Materials and construction expenses for pump houses
- Portable livestock corral panels
- Any water supply infrastructure intended solely for residential use.
- Exclusion fencing

See Section 3 - Expense Eligibility for additional information on ineligible expenses.

Project Length

- All projects shall start **April 1, 2025**, or later.
- Project activities and all reports must be completed by **December 12, 2025**.

A final inspection or other proof of completion may be required to confirm that the project was implemented in accordance with the project proposal.

Notes

- Watershed Districts may offer complementary programs such as abandoned well sealing and alternative watering systems. Please contact your local [Watershed District](#) for more information.
- Wells must be drilled by a licensed well driller and must be located at least 100 metres away from confined livestock areas.
- This BMP category does not support the creation of a yard site.
- Exclusion fencing around dugouts is encouraged.
- Actions must support the establishment of reliable water supplies to permanently address water supply needs.
- Applicants must meet all regulatory requirements. This may include:
 - A Water Rights License from Manitoba (required for all livestock operations extracting more than 25,000 litres (25 cubic metres or 5,499 Imperial gallons) per day). If developing a new water source for such an operation, a permit must be obtained prior to the commencement of development.
 - Approvals from the Municipality or Crown.
 - Any other standards or approvals as required by law.

Reference Materials

For further guidance in developing your application, visit:

- [Licensing, Regulation and Policy](#), Manitoba government
- [Groundwater and Wells](#), Manitoba government
- [Drainage & Water Control](#), Manitoba government

Section 2 - 2025 Special Intake Eligibility

Primary Producers that meet all the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- This intake is limited **only** to livestock producers.
- The land location(s) for the project must be within an eligible Municipality, Northern Affairs Community or First Nation. A [map and list of eligible regions](#) can be found on the [program webpage](#). If you are unsure of your eligibility, please contact us at agriculture@gov.mb.ca or 1-800-811-4411.
- Must manage agricultural land used to produce agricultural products. Hobby farms are not eligible.
- Must own land where the project will be executed or have permission from the landowner to execute the project.
- Must have a [Manitoba Premises Identification](#) number.
- Must have a valid Statement of Completion for an [Environmental Farm Plan](#) at time of project claim.

Successful applicants are responsible for:

- Identifying, obtaining, and complying with any necessary licenses, permits and approvals (municipal, provincial, federal, etc.), before starting the project.
- Ensuring that insurance requirements have been met regarding project implementation.

For businesses operating under a registered business name, regardless of business structure, all program documentation must be in the registered business name and supported by a unique Business Number. This includes the project application forms, all project invoices, and proof of payments. Businesses operating under an unregistered business name or trade name must use their official business name on all program documentation. For example, a sole proprietor operating under a trade name without a registered business name must complete all documentation in their personal name and provide their unique Social Insurance Number.

For individuals that participate in more than one farming business, each sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation must each have a unique Business Number to qualify for separate funding. All invoices and proof of payments must be issued in the name of the applicant and unique to the specific project. Evidence of independent operations may be required.

All eligible invoices and proof of payment forwarded for claims must reference the original business name or the applicant's personal name.

Government employees who are the majority shareholder (50 per cent or higher) in a business or operation are not eligible to participate or receive funding as the ultimate recipient. A farm business or operation, which includes a provincial government employee as a minority shareholder, will be eligible to receive funding for project implementation.

Additional factors may be considered in determining the eligibility of the applicant, including:

- The provision of false or misleading information by the applicant under other Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership programs.
- Amounts due and owing by the applicant under other Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership and Manitoba programs.

Section 3 - Expense Eligibility

Eligible Expenses

Eligible expenses are directly related to the execution of an approved project and include:

- **Incremental Personal Labour**
 - Labour hours incurred by the applicant for eligible activities, capped at \$30/hour.
- **Incremental Personal Equipment Use**
 - Equipment owned by the applicant can be used for the successful completion of the approved project. Reimbursement will be determined using the appropriate rental rate guide ([Manitoba Agriculture Farm Machinery Cost of Production Custom and Rental Rate Guide](#) or [MHCA Equipment Rental Rate Guide](#)). Reimbursement will be calculated using posted rental rates and fuel costs where applicable.
 - Where rental rates are not identified in published guides (e.g., survey equipment, etc.), applicants can specify the type of equipment and proposed hourly or daily rental rate in their budget for consideration.
- **Subcontracted Services**
 - Third-party services related to custom labour and equipment use.
- **Professional Fees**
 - Third-party services provided by an organization, business or individual, who holds a valid designation (e.g., consultant wages, engineering fees, etc.).
- **Capital Assets and Equipment**
 - Purchase of specialized equipment attachments.
 - Purchase of new technology (e.g., sensors, monitors, alarms, water use meters, sub-surface drainage controllers, etc.).
- **Equipment Rental**
 - Equipment rented for the successful completion of the approved project.
- **Materials and Supplies**
 - Construction and building materials necessary for the completion of the approved project (e.g., lumber, plumbing components, etc.).

The applicant is solely responsible for all expenses of the project, including all ineligible expenses and any project deficits or cost over-runs.

Where a project is approved, no eligible expenses will be reimbursed unless a funding agreement is signed.

If work is started on a project before formal written approval of program funding is received, the applicant does so at their own risk.

All expenses must be supported by an invoice and valid proof of payment. All invoices must be dated on or after **April 1, 2025**.

The same invoice cannot be claimed by more than one applicant or business number or for multiple projects.

Ineligible Expenses

In addition to the specific ineligible items listed in *Section 1 – Program Description*, above, the following expenses are **ineligible** for funding:

- Any item purchased before **April 1, 2025**, with the exception of inventory items. Project inventory items cannot have been purchased before **April 1, 2023**.
- Any expense, including a tax, which is eligible for a rebate, credit, or refund such as Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- In-kind contributions.
- Any expense not required for the execution of the project.
- Normal operating expenses associated with conducting business operations.
- Extended warranties.
- Spare parts not used as part of the project.
- Financing charges, loan interest payments, bank fees and charges.
- Any compensation to any government employee for organizing or delivering parts of the project.
- Purchase of land, buildings, and facilities, associated taxes and fees.
- Additions to new or existing buildings / facilities, associated taxes and fees.
- Purchase of typical farm equipment (e.g., tractors, skid steers, combines, etc.) and related accessories and attachments.
- Normal, current, or ongoing maintenance expenses.
- Cost of establishing a commercial operation or new farmyard.
- Multi-use items (e.g., items that are not directly related to the project activities, such as computers, printers, phones, cameras, pressure washers, general farm equipment, batteries, ATV, trucks, clothing and footwear, tools, fuel, etc.).
- Any project-related activity that generates revenue during the implementation of the project.
- Expenses incurred for other projects.
- Invoices not issued in the applicant's name and/or payment not made by the approved applicant.
- Any other expense deemed ineligible by the program administrator.



Funding from Government

The applicant must adhere to the stacking limit. The stacking limit refers to the maximum level of total Canadian government funding (federal, provincial/territorial, and municipal) a successful Applicant can receive towards total approved eligible expenses of a project. Additional government sources of funding must be disclosed.

The maximum level of total government funding must not exceed:

- 100 percent of total approved eligible expenses; or
- If the Applicant is a for-profit business or organization, 75 per cent for capital items that are approved eligible expenses.

Other Sources of Funding

The applicant must provide information on the funding source, amount and description of any other funds external to the Program that will be used to pay for the project, including funds provided by the applicant.

Section 5 - Application Assessment

Complete applications for this intake will be assessed on a first-come, first-serve basis until available funding has been allocated, based on the following:

- Applicant eligibility
- Project eligibility
- Expense eligibility and reasonableness
- Application completeness

Only complete applications will be assessed. Complete applications must include the following documents, with all required information completed within the form:

1. Applicant Information Form

- If you previously applied to Sustainable CAP, the Applicant Information Form doesn't need to be submitted again.
- If you are unsure if you previously submitted this form, or if your applicant information has changed, please email the Program Administrator at agriculture@gov.mb.ca

2. Application Worksheet – all required sections must be completed.

Incomplete applications (blank fields, vague responses, missing documents, etc.) will result in your application being returned to you for follow up. In this case your application will need to be resubmitted before it will be considered for funding.

Section 6 - How to Apply for Funding

Application forms and deadlines are available on the Manitoba Agriculture website: [BMP 4700: 2025 Special Intake – Livestock Water Supply](#).

Complete applications, including Applicant Information Forms, Application Worksheets, and supporting documents must be submitted to the program administrator at agriculture@gov.mb.ca by no later than the published deadline. Applications for this intake will be assessed on a first-come, first-serve basis until available funding has been allocated.

Applicants must acknowledge and agree to any terms and conditions contained in the Applicant Information Form and Worksheet, Program Guide and Program Terms and Conditions.

Applicants must comply with all provincial and federal government laws and regulations applicable to their project and to their business or organization's operations.

Only the applicant may sign the program application or other program documents. In the case of corporations, partnerships and other business organizations, a designated person with legal authorization must sign the application and other program documents. The program administrator may require proof of authorization.

Funding for projects will be subject to the appropriation of funds by the Government of Canada and the Manitoba government.

Definitions

Agricultural Land: private land, leased agriculture Crown land, First Nation land or Association of Manitoba Community Pastures land that is used for agricultural crop production or pasture and located in Manitoba.

Applicant: a person or entity who satisfies all the eligibility requirements set out in the terms and conditions and who submits an application under this program.

Beneficial Management Practice (BMP): a recognized agricultural management practice that mitigates or minimizes negative impacts and risk to the environment, by maintaining or improving soil, water and air quality and biodiversity; or improves adaptability and ensures the long-term health and sustainability of land-related resources used for agricultural production.

Funding Agreement: an agreement issued to applicants indicating an application decision and the next steps required for project implementation.

Government Funding: any financial assistance in the form of provincial or federal grants, loans, or other assistance.

Hobby Farm: A small-scale farming operation primarily for personal enjoyment and recreation, rather than for generating significant income, and characterized by a lack of expectation to make a profit from the farm's activities. While some income may be generated from selling produce or livestock, the primary goal isn't to create a profitable business, as the operator's main source of income is off-farm activities.

Incremental Personal Equipment Use: equipment use hours incurred by the applicant for approved activities. Reimbursement is capped by the rates outlined in the [Manitoba Agriculture Farm Machinery Cost of Production Custom and Rental Rate Guide](#) and [MHCA Equipment Rental Rate Guide](#).

Incremental Personal Labour: labour hours incurred by the applicant for approved activities, such as construction, installation, manual labour, etc. which are directly related to the execution of the project


In-kind Contributions: non-monetary goods and/or services that are not reimbursable by the program.

Person: includes an individual, partnership, association, or corporate body (entity).

Primary Producer: an individual grower, producer or rancher, partnership, corporation, co-operative, or any other association of people who is actively engaged in farming.

Program: refers to the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership program.

Program Administrator: Manitoba Agriculture, or where applicable, any authorized person engaged by the Manitoba government, to conduct administrative activities in connection with the program.



Provincial Government Employee: any full-time, regular, part-time or term individual employed by the provincial government, including any special operating agency or Crown corporation.

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership: a five-year agricultural policy framework by Canada's federal, provincial, and territorial governments to encourage market development, innovation and research, environmental sustainability, value added processing, improved public trust and risk management across Canada's agriculture, agri-food, and agri-product sectors.

Terms and Conditions: the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership program rules that applicants must follow as conditions for receiving funding; may be occasionally revised, altered or amended from time to time.