



# Canada British Columbia Feeder Calf Set-Aside Program Program Conditions

## Program Description

The Canada British Columbia Calf Set-Aside Program provides cow-calf producers with the option of holding a portion of their 2004 calf inventory from slaughter. Producers can choose to hold their 2004 calves until October 1, 2005, for a per head payment of \$176, or until January 1, 2006, for a per head payment of \$200. The payments are intended to offset the additional costs incurred in holding the animals from slaughter.

### 1.0 Purpose

The objective of the program is to set aside 40% of the beef calves born in British Columbia in 2004 and assist the industry in balancing the supply of market ready cattle with slaughter capacity. Delaying the marketing and slaughter of a portion of the 2004 calf crop allows time for expanding slaughter capacity to match supply, greater ability to market 2003 animals, and improved market conditions for the remaining 2004 inventory.

### 2.0 Changes to the Program Conditions

The Minister may change these program conditions from time to time. Changes to program conditions are effective when posted on the Ministry's website at [www.agf.gov.bc.ca](http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca). Applications will be administered according to the program conditions in effect on the date their completed application form is received.

### 3.0 Definitions

- 3.1 Minister** means the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries of British Columbia and his or her authorized representatives.
- 3.2 Set-Aside Period** means the period during which calves must not be slaughtered, which is from the date of registration until either October 1, 2005 or January 1, 2006, as selected on the application form.

### 4.0 Eligibility

#### 4.1 Eligible Applicants

- 4.1.1 To be eligible, an applicant must
- a) be a Canadian resident who owns at least two beef cows that calved in 2004,
  - b) be liable under the *Income Tax Act* (B.C.) to pay income tax (or claim losses) on income from the production of beef in 2004.
- 4.1.3 Applications for calves being fed or boarded must be made in the name of the calf owner. The applicant must disclose on the application form the name of all other persons involved with the ownership or care of these calves.
- 4.1.4 Each applicant is eligible to claim for his/her share of each eligible calf according to the % ownership declared on the application form.
- 4.1.5 Research stations, universities and other government-funded organizations are not eligible.



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### 4.2 Eligible Animals

- 4.2.1 Only calves born from beef cows in 2004 are eligible.
- 4.2.2 An applicant may elect to set aside beef calves numbering either 30% or 40% of the number of beef cows that calve in 2004 while owned by the applicant.
- 4.2.3 All set-aside calves must be tagged and not sent to slaughter until their Set-Aside Period ends.
- 4.2.4 Set-aside calves may be produced by the applicant's own cows or purchased.

### 5.0 Applications

- 5.1 Each applicant must submit a fully completed application before being considered for program payments. An applicant may submit a partial application in advance of identifying tagged calves, but the application is not considered complete until all relevant fields in the form are completed, all relevant information, including calf tag information, is received, and the application is signed.
- 5.2 Applications must be returned to the address or fax listed on the application form by January 15, 2005 (postmarked in the case of mail).

### 6.0 Tagging of calves

The program uses Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) Radio Frequency Identification (RFI) button tags. The set-aside tags have a designated colored back; pink for the October 1, 2005 Set-Aside Period and red for the January 1, 2006 Set-Aside Period.

- 6.1 Applicants must tag calves to be set aside before returning the section of the application form listing the attached RFI tag numbers.  
  
By tagging a calf the applicant agrees that the calf will not be slaughtered before the end of the Set-Aside Period.
- 6.2 Tagged calves may be sold during the Set-Aside Period, but the applicant remains subject to the program conditions concerning those calves. For example, if a tagged calf is slaughtered before the end of the Set-Aside Period, the applicant must repay the benefit received for that calf, even if the applicant does not own the calf at the time of slaughter.
- 6.3 Applicants are reminded that it is a federal offense to remove CCIA tags (*Health of Animals Act* and *Health of Animals Regulations*).

### Slaughter During Set-Aside Period

- 6.4 If a Tagged animal is slaughtered before the Set-Aside Period ends, the applicant must repay the per head program benefit paid out in respect of that animal.



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### 7.0 Signatures

- 7.1 The Minister may require each applicant to provide evidence of authorization to make the application before the applicant is eligible. The Minister may require each person signing on behalf of an applicant to provide evidence that the applicant has authorized them to sign.

### 8.0 Verification

- 8.1 The applicant consents to the Minister releasing all information contained in the application or related to it and obtained by the Minister in the course of verifying or auditing the application to any other government department, agency or other involved person for the purposes of verifying the provided information, determining the applicant's eligibility for other related programs or both. The applicant expressly authorizes the Minister to obtain information from any government department, agency or other involved person to verify the contents of the application and to determine the applicant's eligibility for other programs offering financial assistance for which the applicant is eligible.
- 8.2 The applicant agrees to give representatives of the Minister access to examine their farming and business operation. The applicant agrees to make available to the Minister all farm records, books of accounts, and income tax returns necessary to audit the operation or to verify any information provided in their application. The applicant also authorizes the release of any information to the Minister relating to the applicant's farming or business operation from and to any government department, agency or other involved person for the purpose of verifying information under this program or other provincial or federal programs.
- 8.3 The Minister may require an applicant to provide copies of farm records, books of account, and income tax returns of partners, shareholders and persons who participate on a non-arm's-length basis in the farming operations of the applicant, whenever those documents are necessary at the Minister's discretion to verify or audit the application and compliance with the terms of the program. If the applicant fails to provide the records within a reasonable time on reasonable notice, the applicant may be ineligible for this or future programs.
- 8.4 The applicant agrees to provide further information related to the calves described on the application that the Minister may reasonably require for the purpose of administering the program including obtaining the retirement dates of registered set aside RFI tag numbers from the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency.

### 9.0 Program payments

- 9.1 Registrants will receive \$176 for each animal registered for the October 1, 2005 Set-Aside Period.
- 9.2 Registrants will receive \$200 for each animal registered for the January 1, 2006 Set-Aside Period.
- 9.3 Initial payments for all registrants are limited to 30% of the number of cows that calved in 2004 while owned by the registrant.



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- 9.4 Registrants who elect to set-aside calves equal to 40% of the cows that calved in 2004 while owned by the registrant will receive any additional payment once program registration is completed and the total number of set-aside calves in the program is finalized. The payment will be for the additional 10% of calves unless British Columbia's maximum set-aside allocation would be exceeded, in which case the benefits will be prorated among all registrants.
- 9.5 Program payments are not assignable. Payment timing is according to program conditions: payments will not be deferred at the applicant's request.
- 9.6 AGR-1 tax information slips will be issued in the name of each applicant.

### **10.0 Termination of the program**

- 10.1 The Minister may terminate this program at any time without notice if
- 10.2 the Minister determines, at his or her discretion, that the program should not continue,
- 10.3 the date of January 1, 2006 passes,
- 10.4 the United States border opens to live cattle less than thirty months of age.

Applications which are not fully completed and received before the program terminates will not be considered.

### **11.0 Inspection**

If on-farm inspection determines that a registrant's cows that calved in 2004 or the number of calves tagged are not the same as declared on the application form, the applicant will be paid according to the inspection results.

### **12.0 False or misleading information**

An applicant who provides false or misleading information under this program forgoes all rights to benefits. The Minister may consider this event in determining the applicant's eligibility for future agricultural financial assistance programs.

### **13.0 Ministerial discretion**

The Minister has the absolute discretion to determine the acceptability of any application.

### **14.0 Debts to governments**

The Minister has the right to deduct from the applicant's entitlement any amount due and owing to the Province of British Columbia, the Government of Canada, or both.

### **15.0 Representations and warranties**

- 15.1 The applicant represents and warrants that the applicant is duly authorized to make the application, bind the applicant, and, in the case of a partnership, bind the partners on the basis of joint and several liability.
- 15.2 The applicant represents that no application for benefits under this program has been made by any other person concerning the animals described in this application.