

## British Columbia Industry Transition Program Application Form For Bison, Sheep, Goats, Reindeer and Fallow Deer

### Program Description and Instructions

- ❑ **This program and application apply only to bison, sheep, goats, reindeer, and fallow deer.**
- ❑ **Application deadline is March 7, 2005.**
- ❑ **Be sure your Application Form is complete and correct before you submit it.**
- ❑ Please **mail** your application as soon as possible.
- ❑ Read the Program Conditions and ensure that you comply with all eligibility criteria.
- ❑ **Eligible Applicants are (refer to Program Condition 3.1):**
  - a. **Owners of Eligible Animals on September 1, 2004.**
  - b. **British Columbia taxpayers.**
  - c. **In the case of bison, reindeer and fallow deer, game farms must be licensed under *BC Game Farm Act*.**
- ❑ **For British Columbia taxpayers that own livestock located in other provinces or own shares in livestock, those inventories should be included in your own inventory.** (E.g. You own 200 head on your farm, and share 50% ownership of 100 others, your inventory will be 250.)
- ❑ **Eligible Animals include those owned by Eligible Applicants, and were the ages specified below on September 1, 2004:**
  - a. **Bison – cows and bulls over 30 months of age or cows that have calved.**
  - b. **Fallow deer – does and bucks over 24 months of age or does that have fawned.**
  - c. **Reindeer – does and bucks over 24 months of age or does that have fawned.**
  - d. **Sheep – ewes over 12 months of age or have had a lamb.**
  - e. **Goats – does over 12 months of age or have kidded.**
- ❑ **DO NOT include ineligible animals such as:**
  - a. Animals not included in the Program Conditions.
  - b. Under-age animals as per the description above.
- ❑ **Applicants may be chosen for an audit to verify livestock numbers (farm inspection). See Program Condition 7.0**

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**Note: Applications, eligibility, payments and verification are determined by attached Program Conditions.**

**List Name of Applicant:**

\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name (please print) Last Name First Name and Middle Initial

**Game Farm License #** \_\_\_\_\_ (Bison and Deer game farms only – please see Program Condition 3.1.1)

**Business Number or Social Insurance Number to be used for AGR-1 tax receipt purposes:**

\_\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_\_| - \_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_|  
Business Number (GST Number) OR Social Insurance Number  
(Limited Companies only please)

**Business Number or Social Insurance Number of co-Applicant (if any):**

\_\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_\_| - \_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_|  
Business Number (GST Number) OR Social Insurance Number  
(Limited Companies only please)

**Address where cheque should be mailed**

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RR / PO Box / Street Address City/Town Province Postal Code

**Legal Land Description of Home Quarter**

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Quarter Section Township Range Meridian

**Contact Information:**

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone Number Cell Number Fax Number

**Please complete this form by filling in all requested information – incomplete forms will significantly delay processing.**

Mail Applications to:  
Other Ruminant Industry Transition Program, B.C. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries,  
1767 Angus Campbell Rd, Abbotsford, B.C, V3G 2M3  
Read program description, instructions, and conditions carefully.

**Information Hotline (use only when absolutely necessary): 1-888 – 221-7141**

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Please review attached Program Conditions before completing this form.

1) As of September 1, 2004 are you the Eligible Applicant for the livestock (check one) YES  NO   
 (Refer to Program Condition 3.1)

2) If you answered “NO” to question #1 above, you are not eligible to register for this program.

3) **Inventory of mature breeding animals of ages specified on September 1, 2004:**  
 (Refer to Program Condition 3.2 for Eligible Animals)

Type of Livestock	Mature Females	Mature Males	Total Mature Inventory
Bison: cows and bulls over 30 months			
Fallow deer: does and bucks over 24 months			
Reindeer: does and bucks over 24 months			
Sheep: ewes over 12 months		NA	
Goats: does over 12 months		NA	

For details on payment determination, please refer to Program Condition 8.1

4) **Land location of winter-feeding for the majority of your breeding animals for audit purposes.**

|  |  |  |   
 Quarter      Section      Township      Range      Meridian

**Statement of Certification:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the province of British Columbia:  
Name (print) City/Town

- certify I am the eligible Applicant for the number and type of livestock claimed within this Application, or authorized to sign on behalf of all applicants and that the forms of authorization or letters are attached,
- understand and agree to the Program Conditions attached to this Application Form,
- authorize the release of any information to the Minister relating to my farming or business operation from/to any government department, agency or corporation, for the purpose of verifying information on this Application Form as well as other provincial or federal programs.

AND I certify that the information given on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

The personal information required on this application form will be protected under the provisions of the *Privacy Act*

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## Program Conditions

### 1.0 Purpose of the program:

This program will enable bison, sheep, goat, reindeer and fallow deer producers to maintain critical industry infrastructure and herd or flock size until increased slaughter capacity is developed and marketing programs are in place.

### 2.0 Definitions:

- 2.1 **Applicant:** The person signing the British Columbia Industry Transition Program Application Form.
- 2.2 **Arms Length:** A relationship involving persons who are not 'related persons' or who are at 'arms length' as these terms are used in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).
- 2.3 **Eligible Animals:** Bison, Sheep, Goats, Reindeer and Fallow deer, animals that are the required age as of September 1, 2004 and are owned by the Applicant as of September 1, 2004.  
**Cervids:** Reindeer and Fallow deer on farms licensed under British Columbia *Game Farm Act* and are over 24 months of age on September 1, 2004
- 2.4 **Eligible Percentage of flock/herd:** For the purpose of this program, payment will be calculated based on the Eligible Percentage of the flock or herd at 80% of the registered Eligible Animals.
- 2.5 **Lease Animals:** Eligible Animals that may be titled to one individual yet fed and cared for by another. This rental agreement may be a cash agreement or a share of the calf crop, etc.
- 2.6 **Licensed Operator:** For Bison, Reindeer and Fallow deer, a person who holds a game farm license authorizing the operation of the farm as required by British Columbia *Game Farm Act*
- 2.7 **Minister:** The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and his authorized representative(s).
- 2.8 **Shared Ownership:** Joint ownership of animals based on percentages invested.
- 2.9 **Termination of the Application Process:** Termination as set out in 9.0.

### 3.0 Eligibility:

#### 3.1 Eligible Applicants:

- 3.1.1 An Eligible Applicant is one who:
  - a. Owned the animals listed on the Application Form as of September 1, 2004,
  - b. Under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) or the *Income Tax Act (B.C.)*, would be liable to pay British Columbia income tax from the production of the livestock claimed.
  - c. For Reindeer, Fallow deer and Bison, is a Licensed Operator in good standing with the Livestock Health Management and Regulation Unit of B.C. Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Fisheries.
- 3.1.2 Where an owner of Eligible Animals has a lease agreement for feeding, boarding etc., the Application must be made in the name of the livestock owner. This includes situations whereby the animals are boarded in provinces outside of British Columbia. The Applicant must disclose the name of the other producer(s) involved with the ownership or care of these animals.
- 3.1.3 Where an owner of Eligible Animals shares in the ownership of those animals, the animals should be included in the applicants inventory based on percentage of ownership. For example, Eligible Applicants who have a 50% share in the ownership of 100 animals would claim 50 animals. The Applicant must disclose the name of the other producer(s) involved with the ownership or care of these animals.

#### 3.2 Eligible Animals:

- 3.2.1 **Bison:** Bison cows over 30 months of age as of September 1, 2004 or have had a calf, and bulls over 30 months of age as of September 1, 2004, and the farm is licensed under *B.C. Game Farm Act*
- 3.2.2 **Sheep & Goats:** Ewes and Does 1 year or older or have had a lamb or kid as of September 1, 2004.
- 3.2.3 **Reindeer and Fallow deer** Does over 24 months of age on September 1, 2004 or have fawned, and bucks over 24 months of age on September 1, 2004, and the farm is licensed under *B.C. Game Farm Act*.

### 4.0 Non-Eligible Animals or Applicants:

- 4.1 Bison, Sheep, Goats, Reindeer and Fallow deer, animals that were not part of the Applicant's inventory on September 1, 2004.
- 4.2 Animals that were less than the required age on September 1, 2004
- 4.3 Research stations, universities and other government-funded organizations are not eligible.

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### 5.0 Applications:

- 5.1 Applicants are required to submit a completed Application Form.
- 5.2 Eligible Applicants as provided for in 3.1 must make the Application.
- 5.3 Applications must be completed and returned to the address or fax number listed on the Application form no later than midnight March 7, 2005.

### 6.0 Signatures:

- 6.1 The Minister may require each applicant to provide evidence of authorization to make the Application before 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.

### 7.0 Verification:

- 7.1 The Applicant(s) consent to the Minister releasing any 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 body for the purposes of verifying this Application, determining the Applicant's eligibility for other related programs, or both. The Applicant(s) expressly authorize the Minister to obtain information from any government department, agency or other body to verify the contents of this Application and to determine the applicant's eligibility for other programs offering financial assistance for which the Applicant is eligible.
- 7.2 Applicants agree to give representatives of the Minister access to examine their farming or business operation. Applicants agree to make available to the Minister all farm records, books of account, and income tax returns necessary to audit the operation or to verify any information provided in their Application.
- 7.3 The Minister may require an Applicant to provide copies of all farm records, books of account, and income tax returns of persons who are involved in non-arm's length and partners and shareholders or members who actively farm on behalf of the Applicant, necessary as the Minister's discretion to verify or audit the Application. If the Applicant fails to provide the records within a reasonable time on reasonable notice, the Applicant may be ineligible for future programs.
- 7.4 The Applicant agrees to provide further information related to the Eligible Animals that the Minister may reasonably require for the purpose of administering the Application process. The Applicant also authorizes the release of any information to the Minister relating to the Applicant's farming or business operation from/to any government department, agency or corporation, for the purpose of verifying information under this Application or other provincial or federal programs.

### 8.0 Program Payments:

- 8.1 Eligible Applicants will be compensated based on the eligible percentage rate of 80% on eligible animals based on the following per head payment rate: (Rounded to the nearest whole animal)
  - Eligible Bison cows and bulls \$ 40/head
  - Eligible Sheep and Goats \$ 8/head
  - Eligible Reindeer, Fallow deer, does and bucks \$ 10/head
- 8.2 **Minimum payment amount is \$80.00.**
- 8.3 Applicants cannot assign or defer any payment under this program.
- 8.4 Tax information slips required by the Income Tax Act (Canada) will be issued in the name of the applicant.

### 9.0 Termination of the Application Process:

- The Minister may terminate this Application Process any time without notice to potential Applicants if:
- (a) the Minister determines, at his discretion, that the Process shall not continue;
  - (b) the date of March 7, 2005 has passed

### 10.0 Termination of the Program:

- The Minister may terminate this Program at any time without notice to potential Applicants if:
- 10.1 The Minister determines, at his discretion, that the Program shall not continue;
  - 10.2 The Minister determines that all funds available for the Program have been spent or committed.

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**11.0 False or Misleading Information:**

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

**12.0 Ministerial Discretion:**

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

**13.0 Debts to Government or Third Parties**

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.

**14.0 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 liabilities.

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.

**15.0 Changes to the Program Conditions**

The Minister may make changes to these Program Conditions from time to time. Changes to Program Conditions ("Revised Conditions") will be effective when posted on the Minister's website at [www.agf.gov.bc.ca](http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca). Applications received after the Revised Conditions are posted will be administered according to the Revised Conditions applicable as of the date the Applications are received.

**16.0 Refunds**

Applicants agree to refund to the Minister of Finance (British Columbia) any payment received under this Program that is not in accordance with the Program Conditions, within 30 days of notice being provided to them by the Minister. Failure to make repayment as required by the Minister creates a debt owing to the Crown in the Right of British Columbia that can be set off against any money the Crown owes to the applicant.