

ADDENDUM

Canada Saskatchewan Farm Stewardship Program (CSFSP)

The following additions and changes in the CSFSP take effect as of November 1, 2006:

BMP 01 Improved Manure Storage and Handling

- Non-livestock producers accepting livestock manure as a nutrient as part of their nutrient management plan and who are storing, treating, and applying the manure to their crop land are eligible for incentives listed under the Improved Manure Storage and Handling BMP. **These incentives do not apply for operations that intend to store, treat and sell manure strictly as a commercial venture.**
- If constructing new manure storage infrastructure, reclamation costs associated with existing manure storage are eligible, however, stand alone reclamation projects for manure storages are not eligible.

BMP 02 Manure Treatment

- Non-livestock producers accepting livestock manure as a nutrient as part of their nutrient management plan and are storing, treating, and applying the manure to their cropland are eligible for incentives listed under the Manure Treatment BMP. **These incentives do not apply for operations that intend to store, treat and sell manure strictly as a commercial venture.**

BMP 03 Manure Land Application

- On some types of new manure wagons, the components of new equipment that provide a significant improvement in pulverizing lumps and applying manure more uniformly than standard equipment components.(e.g. Beaters) are an eligible cost.
- Funding will be provided for the cost of modification to install built in scales on existing manure application equipment or the components of new equipment or drive-on scale to help provide more accurate nutrient management when applying solid manure on whole fields. Funding will also be provided for the cost of drive-on scales if this is proven to be a more feasible option. **In all cases, approved applications for modifications must be intended to help improve manure application of farm operation and is not intended for custom manure applicator operations.**

BMP 05 Farmyard Runoff Control

- Costs associated with diversion of contaminated runoff around existing groundwater fed dugouts (ponds) are eligible under this category.

BMP 07 Wintering Site Management, BMP 10 Riparian Area Management, BMP 13 Land Management for Soils at Risk, BMP 21 Enhancing Wildlife and Biodiversity and BMP 22 Species at Risk

- For all of the above categories involving remote watering systems, the costs for materials for fencing or portable panels used to protect remote watering systems or the immediate area around a remote watering system are eligible.

BMP 08 Product and Waste Management

- Costs associated with the removal of underground fuel storage tanks are eligible if part of a new petroleum storage project. All provincial regulations and standards for remediation must be adhered to. It is recommended that a consultant be retained to oversee the project. **Please note that transportation costs of contaminated material will not be an eligible expense.**

BMP 13 Land Management for Soils at Risk

- The 40 acre limit for forage establishment on erodible or saline land has been eliminated. Producers are eligible for 50% of costs up to the category maximum of \$5000 when seeding forage on erodible or saline land.

BMP 14 Improved Cropping Systems

- Gang mounted on-row packers as well as shank mounted on-row packers are an eligible item when installed in conjunction with a complete conversion to low disturbance direct seeding; this would include openers and other necessary modifications to facilitate the conversion. The packers must match the shank spacing and width that have been chosen for the local soil conditions. **Please note; Coil packers or packer wheels installed on hoe or double disc drills will not be eligible. In addition, as stated above, packers will not be eligible under the program as a stand alone item.**

BMP 16 Improved Pest Management

- Costs for the purchase of vine rollers to reduce the amount of chemicals used for desiccating horticultural crops are eligible.

BMP 18 Irrigation Management

- Costs associated with the purchase of end gun booster pumps, low pressure main pump replacement (when it has been demonstrated that existing high pressure pump cannot be converted to low pressure) are eligible, however, cost of electric or combustion motors to drive pumps are ineligible.

BMP 19 Shelterbelt Establishment

- Costs associated with surveying a site where shelterbelts are to be established as well as pumps for trickle or drip irrigation to improve establishment are eligible.

INCLUSION OF FIRST NATIONS, METIS AND INUIT TRADITIONAL LAND USE PRACTICES (ASKIY PIMACIHOWIN)

BMP 21 Enhancing Wildlife and Biodiversity

- Costs associated with exclusion fencing to preserve the biodiversity and the traditional land use values on First Nations Lands are eligible.

BMP 26 Grazing Management Planning

- Costs of hiring a consultant to identify species and map areas of interest for traditional land use and develop strategies for their enhancement or preservation are eligible. Reports must detail the preservation or enhancement strategies of traditional land use areas including information about the locations, purpose of the area, and species to be preserved as well as links to how managed grazing can contribute to this preservation.

BMP 28 Biodiversity Enhancement Planning

- Costs of hiring a consultant to identify species and map areas of interest for traditional land use and develop strategies for their enhancement or preservation are eligible. Reports must detail the preservation or enhancement strategies of traditional land use areas including information about the locations, purpose of the area, and species to be preserved as well as links to biodiversity.