

Growing Forward Programs for Sheep and Goat Producers Manitoba

1. Sheep, Bison, Elk, Goat Herd Consultation:

Food Safety, Biosecurity & Traceability

- Goal
 - Provide vet. consultation, promote implementation of Food-safe Farm Practices and enhance producer knowledge in
 - Food Safety
 - Bio Security
 - Traceability
 - Establish a vital link between producers and veterinarians
- Incentive for Producers:
 - Promote benefits of FSFP for sheep
 - Confidential veterinary consultation at no cost
 - Focused discussion on their flock health
 - Access to treatment protocols
- Budget
 - \$500 Max per farm visit. \$1000/farmer over life of program with two visits
 - A limited amount of funding available. First come, first serve
- Process
 - Two herd visits min. of nine months apart
 - Visits may not occur with emergency visits (eg. Lambing)
 - Vets must have received training for the program or a similar program
 - Call your vet or the vet who may want to work with your sheep to make an appointment

Note: During the vet consultation make sure the vets should go over biosecurity topics for your farm including vaccination, and other treatment protocols. In addition, the vaccination of guard dogs can also be addressed. If the vets have time during their two hours on the farm to give the dog a rabies shot the vets are supposed to bill government for the time it took to give the injection/exam but the producer would have to pay for the vaccine.

2. Food Safety Program for Farms

There is money available to cover the costs for implementing food safety program on your farm.

Funding Details

Costs to cover the training and audit expense will be reimbursed.
And money is available to buy the equipment from the approved list

Goats, Elk, Bison – When CFIA approves applicable programs, regular funding will apply.

Currently (before approval of programs), \$1,000 funding available for:

Equipment type or GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) Maximum

Traceability equipment \$1,000

RFID reading equipment and software \$1,000

On-farm food safety software \$1,000

Sheep – Canadian Sheep Federation’s Food-Safe Farm Practices Program

To be eligible for equipment – producers must have successfully have implemented and passed first audit for the Canadian On-Farm Sheep Program.

Equipment type or GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) Maximum

Scale for weighing animal feed and water additives \$2,000

Label makers \$2,000

Sharp's containers \$2,000

Single-animal scales \$2,000

Temperature meter (with alarm) for milk bulk tank \$2,000

Temperature meter for milk freezer \$2,000

Light bulb covers, shatter proof light bulbs \$2,000

Chemical storage cabinet \$2,000

Valves to check detergents and sanitizers \$2,000

Plastic bins with secure lids \$2,000

Applicants to the Food Safety Program, for Farms are eligible for up to 90 per cent of the total cost of eligible equipment.

Equipment not listed here may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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