

# Frequently Asked Questions

## BMP: Managing Livestock Access to Riparian Areas (503)



### Q1. When is the deadline to apply?

**A:** Applications must be received no later than **Friday, October 11, 2019**. Applications will be accepted continuously to that date and reviewed on a weekly basis. They will be rated and ranked by technical reviewers based on the environmental benefit assessment index, program priorities and project planning. Priority will be given to applicants in designated [federal tax deferral areas](#).

### Q2. Do I have to complete my project this fall?

**A:** No. The project must be completed and claims submitted by November 1, 2020.

### Q3. If I have already done a water source development project this summer, am I eligible?

**A:** Any projects for water source development occurring after April 1, 2019 are eligible but may require additional components (e.g. fencing of the dugout, alternate watering systems, etc.) in order to meet the BMP criteria.

### Q4. What do I need to include with my application?

**A:** Please answer the questions provided in the application form and refer to the BMP specific questions listed in the guidebook to assist you. Ensure that you explain the proposed project in detail, current practices on the farm, and the environmental benefit of the new practice. Include an aerial map of the pasture with the location of the existing and proposed water sources identified as well as any fencing (existing and new).

### Q5. Do I need a valid Environmental Farm Plan Statement of Completion?

**A:** You can submit an application **without** a valid Statement of Completion, however, you will be required to have one when you submit the claim to be reimbursed. Environmental Farm Plan workshop dates and locations will be listed [online](#).

### Q6. Are confined livestock operations eligible?

**A:** No. This BMP is focused on livestock in pasture-based systems.

### Q7. Do I have to dig a dugout to a specific size?

**A:** All dugout work, including new construction or rehabilitation of an existing location, should follow the [dugout construction guideline](#).

### Q8. Can I drill a new well in my yard?

**A:** Drilling a well in the yard is eligible if it is primarily intended for watering livestock on pasture and is the most cost efficient means of doing so. It can be used for supplying water to the yard as well, assuming the pastures are next to the yard. Only the well and pasture components are eligible for funding, not any components used for in-yard water.

### Q9. Do I need any permits?

**A:** Applicants must meet all regulatory requirements. This may include:

- a [water rights license](#) from Manitoba Sustainable Development, which is required for all livestock operations extracting more than 25,000 litres (25 m<sup>3</sup> or 5,499 Imperial gallons) per day. If developing a new water source, a permit must be obtained in advance of work beginning.
- approvals from the rural municipality or Crown.
- any other standards or approvals as required by law.

### Q10. Can I pipe water from an existing water source into a dry dugout?

**A:** Piping or hauling from a water source (well, dugout or wetland) into a dugout that has run dry is not eligible. Piping from any water source to an alternate watering system at the location of the dugout that has run dry is eligible.

The dugout that has run dry must be fenced as it may recharge over the winter or in future years. Costs to connect the dugout that has run dry to the alternate watering system are eligible, with the assumption that the dugout which has run dry could be used again in the future.

### Q11. How deep does the pipeline need to be?

**A:** The guidebook states that shallow or above-ground pipelines (including those above the frost line) are ineligible. Projects must be for permanent solutions only. Summer pasture pipelines permanently installed underground and are winterized before freezing, would be eligible.

### Q12. Can I apply for a project on a pasture that I rent?

**A:** Yes. Either the landowner or renter can apply. If the renter applies, they must identify the landowner and provide contact information as part of the project description. This includes pasture on Crown Land.

### Q13. If I have more questions, who can I contact?

**A:** Farmers can visit their local [Manitoba Agriculture office](#) or call toll-free 1-844-769-6224.

#### Other related information

- [Ag Action Manitoba Program – Assurance-BMP Managing Livestock Access to Riparian Areas \(503\)](#)
- [Ag Action Manitoba Program for Farmers – Assurance: Beneficial Management Practices](#)
- [Ag Action Manitoba Program for Industry Service Providers – Assurance: Beneficial Management Practices](#)