

# Livestock Transportation Drought Assistance Program

## Frequently Asked Questions



### What is the purpose of the Livestock Transportation Drought Assistance Program?

The program was developed in consultation with industry to help meet the needs of Manitoba producers experiencing low moisture levels.

The program will assist livestock producers affected by low moisture conditions in 2021 with extraordinary transportation costs, for breeding herd feed shortages. Financial assistance helps to offset extraordinary freight expenses associated with moving livestock to alternate feeding locations.

### What is an alternate feeding location area?

Alternate feeding locations include, but are not limited to, farms, ranches, feedlots, and custom feeder operations, and must be accessed to address a shortfall in the applicant's normal feed capacity due to dry conditions in 2021. These locations are not owned, leased or rented by the applicant but are capable of housing and providing adequate feed, water and care for the applicant's breeding animals. Examples of alternate feeding locations include the movement of your breeding animals to a custom feeding yard or paying to graze a crop producer's acres of drought stressed corn.

### Who is eligible for the program?

Primary producers who owned or leased the eligible animals, located in Manitoba, as of June 1, 2021 and continued to own or lease them to March 15, 2022 or later are eligible. Eligible animals include breeding head of beef cattle, sheep and goats. Breeding animals are mature females exposed to breeding (male or artificial insemination) and males used previously for breeding. The producer must own or lease a minimum of 10 animals (by animal type) to apply.

### What is eligible under the program?

- Transportation costs associated with moving of breeding female animals and breeding males to an alternate feeding location area to meet their winter feeding requirements.
- Costs for eligible animals, transported beginning August 1, 2021 and returning by June 30, 2022, for a minimum distance of 40 kilometres up to a maximum one-way distance of 1,000 kilometres.
- Eligible animals must remain in the new location for at least 30 days.
- Eligible animals must return to the applicant's farm operation when temporary feeding is complete.

### What is the rate of payment under the program?

Payments based on the number of head and kilometres transported as indicated on invoices provided by eligible applicants as indicated below.

- Breeding beef cattle at \$0.08 per head per loaded kilometre.
- Breeding sheep and goats at \$0.03 per head per loaded kilometre.
- Minimum distance of 40 kilometres up to a maximum one-way distance of 1,000 kilometres.

### Will producers be paid to transport animals for the return trip?

Yes, the return trip is eligible for up to 1,000 km one-way and application is **required** for both trips (move out and return) to be eligible for payment. If an application for the return trip is not submitted by the application deadline, the initial move may be deemed ineligible and if already paid will be considered an overpayment.

### **Is the return trip mandatory?**

Yes. If an application is not submitted for the return trip, the initial move to the alternate feeding location may be deemed ineligible and be considered an overpayment. The applicant would then need to return the funds for the initial move to the alternate feeding location.

### **Can market animals be transported under this program?**

No, the transport of market animals is not eligible under this program.

### **What transportation activities are not eligible under this program?**

The following activities are also not eligible under this program:

- movement of market animals or other ineligible animals such as horses, bison, dairy cattle.
- movement of animals to locations other than an alternate feeding location
- movement of breeding animals before August 1, 2021 or after June 30, 2022
- movement of animals less than 40 kilometres
- transportation of feed to an alternate feeding location

### **Can producers haul their own livestock?**

Yes, self-haul is eligible. Producers must submit invoices and proof of payment for accessing feed at the alternative feeding location. A Producer self-haul declaration needs to be submitted with the application to provide details such as date of transportation, starting and destination locations, and distance travelled.

### **Can I apply for the Livestock Transportation Drought Assistance Program and the Livestock Feed and Transportation Drought Assistance Program?**

The Livestock Transportation Drought Assistance Program:

- can be combined with the feed **assistance** portion of the Livestock Feed and Transportation Program
- **cannot** be combined with the feed **transportation** portion of the Livestock Feed and Transportation Program

### **Is out-of-province hauling of livestock eligible?**

Livestock can be shipped to alternate feeding locations outside of Manitoba and still be eligible based on the program's rates and distances. However, the livestock must return to their farming operation in Manitoba when their stay at the temporary feeding location ends or by June 30, 2022, whichever is sooner.

### **How do I apply?**

Applicants can download the Application Form, Declaration of Eligible Breeding Animals, and associated program documents on the website at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/livestock/agrirecovery.html>. Application packages can also be picked up at any of the ARD/MASC Service Centres, or mailed to you by calling us at 1-844-769-6224. The minimum value of receipts required to submit an application is \$500.

Review the [AgriRecovery Drought Assistance – Farmers Guidebook](#) for detailed information on eligible and ineligible costs and other program requirements.

### **When is the deadline to apply to the program?**

July 30, 2022 is the final day to apply.

### **Can multiple applications be submitted?**

Yes, you can submit more than one application until program maximums are reached.