



Alberta Beef Producers Verified Beef Production Incentive Application



GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Cattle producers are the backbone of Canadian beef, ensuring its safety, quality, and integrity. To support the vital role the producer plays, the Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) proudly presents the Alberta Verified Beef Production Plus (VBP+) incentive. This exciting program aims to elevate on-farm practices and strengthen public trust in our beef production systems.

Applications will be accepted to January 15, 2028, with all necessary documentation needing to be received by January 30.

This program has limited funds and approval is not guaranteed. If you have questions or concerns prior to purchasing please contact abgrants@verifiedbeef.ca.

Funding Streams based on a 50:50 Cost Share Per Operation

Stream 1 – VBP+ Training Stream: Up to \$2,500 **Stream 2 – VBP+ Audited Stream:** Up to \$5,000

APPLICATION

Part 1 – Qualifying Questions

Training requirement

To qualify for Stream 1 or Stream 2 you or someone involved in the day to day management of the operation must be VBP+ trained.

- Name of Trained Individual _____
- Please attach the training certificate if you have it available to expedite application review.

VBP+ Audit Requirement

To qualify for Stream 2 the operation applying must be VBP+ Certified in addition to meeting the training requirement.

- Name of farm operation on VBP+ Certificate _____

- Certificate number _____

OPERATIONS THAT DO NOT HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON TRAINED THAT CAN BE VERIFIED IN THE VBP+ DATABASE ARE UNELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING.

Questions regarding training or the application process call 403.451.1170 or email abgrants@verifiedbeef.ca



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Part 2 – Applicant Details

APPLICANT TYPE (select one)

Individual Corporation Co-operative First Nation Band Partnership Crown Land Pasture
Grazing Association

LEGAL BUSINESS NAME (Corporation, co-operative, First Nation(s)) (Blank for individual applicant)

LEGAL LAST NAME

LEGAL FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME(S)

MAILING ADDRESS (Civic, Rural Route, STN, Site, Box, etc.)

CITY/TOWN

PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

HOME PHONE (999-999-9999)

CELL PHONE (999-999-9999)

Name to print on checks if it is different than what is provided above.

Farm Headquarters Location if different from above.

Do you live at this location? Yes No

PREMISES IDENTIFICATION (PID)

Mandatory if livestock are owned, leased or custom



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Part 3 – Project Details

Attach photocopies of all paid invoices. Proof of payment may be requested in the form of bank/credit card statements or processed cheque images from your financial institution. Review limitations on eligible costs section. Program payments are subject to a minimum rebate of \$500. Only invoices issued as of April 1, 2023 and in the applicant’s name will be considered.

If you have not completed a project, you can submit quotes and receive conditional approval. You will have six months to submit final invoices from the date of receiving a letter of conditional approval. From the date of issuing notification of conditional approval the operation has six months to provide final invoices and receipts or by January 15, 2028, whichever one is sooner.

If additional space is required, please attach additional sheet(s). Ineligible expenses will be deducted from the calculated rebate number. Include photos if costs are associated with fencing.

Quotes can be submitted for conditional approval, but payment will not be issued until a final invoice is submitted.

Invoiced Contractor/Vendor Attach additional sheets if necessary *Quotes can be submitted if applying for provisional approval. Payment will not be issued without final receipts.		Invoice #	Invoice Date (MM/DD/YY)	Invoice Cost (Excluding taxes)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
Total invoiced cost (excluding all taxes)				

Funding from Other Sources Identify funding program and items funded related to this project that come from other grants ect.. Total funding from other sources may be deducted from the calculated rebate amount.		Funding Received or Expected
1		
2		
Total funding from other sources		





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Part 4 – New Entrant Declaration

To support New Entrants in the industry Alberta Beef Producers has allocated a portion of the funds available for New Entrants per review period, they will be available to all other applicants.

- Under the age of 40 at the time of application.
- In the case of joint applications, 50 per cent of members must be under the age of 40.
- In the case of corporation applications, 25 per cent of ownership must be under age of 40.
- Applicants who are over 40 years of age at the time of application, must meet the following eligibility requirements:
 - Less than three years farming history,
 - Farm income under \$10,000 for three of last five years.

- I am a new entrant that does not yet meet the minimum gross farm income requirement, but will before the end of Sustainable CAP. For details on this policy, please review the eligibility requirements at www.abpdaily.com.vbp

Part 5 – Checklist

Stream 1 – Training Stream \$2,500

- VBP+ Training Certificate (if available)
- Completed forms
- Include copies of all invoices or receipts you are claiming
- Signed Statement of Declaration

Stream 2 – VBP+ Certification Stream \$5,000

- VBP+ Audit Certification
- Completed forms
- Include copies of all invoices or receipts you are claiming
- Signed Statement of Declaration

Email forms along with all related documents to abgrant@verifiedbeef.ca
or

Mail Completed Forms to
Alberta Beef Producers
c/o VBP+ Grant
120, 7777 10 St NE
Calgary, Alberta
T2E 8X2

Don't hesitate to get in touch with the AB VBP+ Grant Team at abgrant@verifiedbeef.ca
or
403.451.1170



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Part 6 – Statement of Declaration

1. I hereby apply to the Animal Health and Biosecurity Program (the “Program”), administered by Alberta Beef Producers (the “Organization”) for the payment requested in this application.
2. I declare I am the Applicant (or I am authorized to sign on behalf of the Applicant). By my signature and delivery of this application I agree to adhere to and be legally bound by the Program guidelines and policies.
3. I declare:
 - a. the eligible project was commenced on or after April 1, 2023.
 - b. in the case of an individual, the individual is a Alberta resident who is at least 18 years of age;
 - c. in the case of a corporation, partnership or co-operative, the corporation, partnership or co-operative has its head office in Saskatchewan and/or carries on business in Alberta;
 - d. in the case of a crown land pasture grazing association, cooperative or corporation, that it is operating on Alberta crown land;
 - e. in the case of a First Nation, the First Nation has reserve land in Alberta; and
 - f. I declare:
 - i. in the case of primary agriculture producers, the individual, corporation, partnership or co-operative filed an income tax return, or is able to provide other documents or information that demonstrates the generation of \$10,000 in gross farm income in Alberta in the year of application or the year prior to the application; or
 - ii. in the case of applying as a “new entrant” to the agriculture industry (in accordance with Ministry policy) the applicant will, on request, provide documents or information that demonstrates a reasonable prospect of the ability to generate \$10,000 or more in annual gross farm income at the time of application or documents or information that demonstrate the generation of \$10,000 or more in annual gross farm income by March 31, 2028.
4. I declare my project is an eligible project that meets the requirements set out in the Program policies and regulations and no other claim has been made, or will be made, for the eligible expenditures that are the subject of this project, to programs administered under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership or any other government grant, rebate or assistance program unless otherwise disclosed in this application.
5. I declare the information included in this application is true and correct in every respect.
6. I agree to provide further information, including income tax returns or access to project records such as original receipts, proof of payments for costs claimed and photos of the completed eligible project, that the Program may reasonably require. In addition, I agree to inform the Program administration as soon as practicable of any changes to my application information for the purpose of administering this application.
7. I understand the provision of false, misleading or fraudulent information, or a failure to comply with the regulations and policies may result in this application and any other past, current or future applications being denied and any payments issued being declared an overpayment and must be repaid.
8. I understand I am responsible for any cost overruns or expenditures in excess of the amounts contributed by the Program.
9. I understand it is my responsibility to be compliant with all laws and orders and have all necessary licences, permits and approvals required to undertake the project.
10. I understand the Program in no way be liable for anything related to the construction, maintenance and ongoing operation of an approved project. Neither the Program, nor the Alberta Beef Producers shall be liable to me for any liabilities I incur in the performance of the work undertaken by me in this project. I shall indemnify and hold Alberta Beef Producers and all employees, agents and representatives, past or present, harmless from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, expenses and causes of action, including claims:
 - a. arising out of any breach or failure by me to perform any of my obligations under this Program;
 - b. relating to injury (including death) to persons or loss of or damage to property arising out of the negligence or willful misconduct of me or my contractors, officers, agents or employees; or
 - c. arising out of the work undertaken by me related to this project including, but not limited to, claims for builders’ liens, workers’ compensation, employment insurance, holidays, back pay or any rates or charges.
11. I agree to cooperate with the Program team in the completion of any audit, evaluation, or survey of the project or of the Program.
12. I agree the Program or its designated representatives are authorized to enter the premises identified on the application or any other premises operated by me in order to conduct an inspection of the eligible project, when completed, that is subject of this application.
13. I understand the personal information in this application is collected under the authority of the regulations and is protected by and subject to the provisions of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP Act) and the federal *Privacy Act*. The Program will use the information from this form to determine my eligibility for a benefit under this Program. The Program will also use my information for the administration of all other programs delivered by the Alberta Beef Producers, to advise me about programs and services, for policy and program development and evaluation, and for research and statistical purposes. The Program may share my information with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and other third parties for the administration of other agriculture programs, for policy and program development and evaluation, and for research and statistical purposes.

I acknowledge and accept the terms and conditions as set out above.

Date: _____ Applicant Signature: _____

If submitting by email, please type your name above. If submitting by mail, please sign the printed form.