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PEI Livestock Strategy Program GUIDELINES



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4.5 PEI LIVESTOCK STRATEGY PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **Prince Edward Island (PEI) Livestock Strategy Program** will support projects that are designed to increase productivity, resource capacity, environmental sustainability, revenue diversification and risk management. The goal is to increase the profitability and expand the PEI livestock industry.

NOTE: Information Sharing and Knowledge Transfer

- All projects approved for funding through the PEI Livestock Strategy Program must include an information sharing or knowledge transfer component.

NOTE: Premise Identification Number

- All Recipients must have a current Premise Identification Number.

The Livestock Strategy Program is composed of 4 sub-programs:

- **4.5.1 Strategic Livestock Industry Enhancement Sub-Program**
- **4.5.2 Community Pasture Sub-Program**
- **4.5.3 Provincial Abattoir Sub-Program**
- **4.5.4 Pollination Expansion Sub-Program**

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4.5.1 STRATEGIC LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY ENHANCEMENT SUB-PROGRAM

The **Strategic Livestock Industry Enhancement Sub-Program** will support industry initiatives that assist PEI's livestock producers to be resilient, environmentally sustainable and profitable.

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Eligible Recipients

- Mi'kmaq First Nations and other Indigenous groups;
- Agriculture industry organizations, clubs and associations;
- Municipal and provincial governments; and
- Others as approved by the Prince Edward Island Livestock Strategy Program Review Committee.

Eligible Activities/Expenses

- Enhancement of on-farm genetics;
- Initiatives for third-party on-farm evaluation of animal performance and genetic potential;
- Improvement of on-farm feed efficiency;
- Promotion of leading-edge management practices;
- Projects associated with on-farm climate change mitigation and resiliency; and
- Information sharing and/or knowledge transfer activities.

Ineligible Activities/Expenses

- Non-arms-length transactions;
- Business plans;
- Standard industry practices;
- Transportation of livestock;
- Any activity that is not compliant with the applicable National Farm Animal Care Council Codes or does not align with industry acceptable best management practices;
- Activities conducted with producers who are not compliant with mandated industry assurance programs;
- Industry or producer level marketing and lobbying.
- BRM-type activities;
- Normal and on-going operating and maintenance activities;
- Activities that do not provide a direct benefit to the Sector;
- Activities related to aquaponic food production, or to aquaculture, seaweed, fish and seafood production and processing (except international marketing and traceability activities for fish and seafood);
- Activities which provide tax credits or rebates; and
- Development and enforcement of regulations.

Funding

- The level of support and total contribution will be determined by the Prince Edward Island Livestock Strategy Program Review Committee and will be merit based;
- Purchase of equipment up to 50%;
- Funding for genetic enhancement initiatives will be merit based;
- Management activities up to 75% of eligible primary producer expenses; and
- Up to 10% of eligible activities/expenses for administrative support.

4.5.2 COMMUNITY PASTURES SUB-PROGRAM

The **Community Pasture Sub-Program** will support Provincial (PEI) Community Pastures to increase carrying capacity, enhance wildlife habitat, increase carbon sequestration, and demonstrate new techniques and technologies for innovative pasture management.

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Eligible Recipients

- Mi'kmaq First Nations and other Indigenous groups;
- Community pasture groups; and
- Municipal and provincial government.

Eligible Activities/Expenses

- Infrastructure improvements or innovative projects which lead to increased carrying capacity and carbon sequestration;
- Adapting existing equipment or technologies in a new and innovative way;
- Activities that enhance grazing and compliment wildlife habitat;
- Demonstration and evaluation of new technologies; and
- Information sharing and/or knowledge transfer activities.

Ineligible Activities/Expenses

- Salaries;
- In-kind contributions (including wages and labour);
- Overhead and/or administration costs;
- BRM-type activities;
- Normal and on-going operating and maintenance activities;
- Activities that do not provide a direct benefit to the Sector;
- Activities related to aquaponic food production, or to aquaculture, seaweed, fish and seafood production and processing (except international marketing and traceability activities for fish and seafood);
- Activities which provide tax credits or rebates; and
- Development and enforcement of regulations.

Funding

- The level of support and total contribution will be determined by the Prince Edward Island Livestock Strategy Program Review Committee up to a maximum of \$10,000 per project.
- The Program Review reserves the right to approve additional funding based on merit.

4.5.3 PROVINCIAL ABATTOIR SUB-PROGRAM

The **Provincial Abattoir Sub-Program** will support Provincial (PEI) abattoirs and poultry processing plants to improve profitability, viability, environmental sustainability and facilitate increased food security for Prince Edward Island.

SUB-PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Eligible Recipients

- Provincially (PEI) licensed abattoirs and poultry processors;
- Applicants who are in the process of becoming a provincially (PEI) licensed abattoir or poultry processor; and
- Others as approved by the Prince Edward Island Livestock Strategy Program Review Committee.

Eligible Activities/Expenses

- Adoption of process improvements that will improve operational efficiency, quality of processed of processed products, and/or profitability;
- Activities that will reduce GHG emissions produced by livestock processing;
- Activities to manage abattoir and/or poultry waste;
- Activities that are required to achieve federal licensing; and
- Other activities as approved by the Prince Edward Island Livestock Strategy Program Review Committee.

Ineligible Activities/Expenses

- Infrastructure (buildings);
- In-kind contributions (including wages and labour);
- Overhead and/or administration costs;
- Marketing activities;
- Repair of existing equipment;
- Consumables associated with existing equipment;
- Consumables associated with packaging; and
- Activities related to the processing of wild game.
- BRM-type activities;
- Normal and on-going operating and maintenance activities;
- Activities that do not provide a direct benefit to the Sector;
- Activities related to aquaponic food production, or to aquaculture, seaweed, fish and seafood production and processing (except international marketing and traceability activities for fish and seafood);
- Activities which provide tax credits or rebates; and
- Development and enforcement of regulations.

Funding

- Up to 90% of eligible expenses to a maximum of \$50,000 over the lifetime of Sustainable CAP (2023-2028). The level of total contribution will be determined by the Prince Edward Island Livestock Strategy Program Review Committee; and
- Applicants must meet permitting and/or licensing requirements to operate as a provincially licensed abattoir or poultry processor.

4.5.4 POLLINATION EXPANSION SUB-PROGRAM

The **Pollination Expansion Sub-Program** will support the sustainable increase of local honeybee colonies that are available for pollination and the advancement of the beekeeping sector through strategic industry initiatives including investment in infrastructure.

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Eligible Recipients

- Mi'kmaq First Nations and other Indigenous Organizations;
- PEI beekeepers;
- Agriculture industry organizations, clubs, and associations;
- Provincial and municipal government, and;
- Others as approved by the Prince Edward Island Livestock Strategy Program Review Committee.

Eligible recipients must:

- Provide honeybee colonies for pollination within PEI;
- Have a Premises Identification Number;
- Have a minimum of five years of beekeeping experience, or have completed, or be currently enrolled, in an approved commercial beekeeping course from a post-secondary institution, or have hired a beekeeper with a minimum of five years of beekeeping experience to assist in keeping their bees¹;
- Have responded to the Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists Annual Colony Overwinter Loss Survey to indicate the number of colonies lost over the winter or indicate in their application the number of colonies put into the winter in the fall. and the number of viable colonies that survived by May 15th of the following spring; and
- Be a member in good standing of the Prince Edward Island Beekeepers Association.

NOTES:

- Note¹: Applicants who do not meet this eligibility criteria may be considered for approval on an individual case-by-case basis.
- Note: Applicants who have accessed the program for 3 or more years and have not shown success at expanding the number of colonies they own, may be deemed ineligible for future funding through this sub-program.

Eligible Activities/Expenses

Queens and Colonies

- Replacement of honeybee queens;
- Expansion of the number of honeybee colonies owned;
- Purchase of queens:
 - international queens for expansion;
 - domestic queens for expansion or replacement (exiting beekeepers may also access funds for domestic queen replacement);
- Purchase of splits and nucleus colonies contributing to expansion;
- Purchase of colonies from Island beekeepers who are exiting the honey beekeeping sector²

Research, Adoption, and Development

- Adoption and development of new beekeeping equipment, technologies, or process improvements that will contribute to colony overwintering success or improved pest management;
- Adoption of Integrated Pest Management strategies that will lead to colony overwintering success;
- Research activities deemed to be an industry priority; and
- Costs directly associated with industry research.

Equipment

- Purchase of queen-rearing equipment;
 - Purchase and/or construction costs of frames contributing to expansion;
 - Purchase and/or construction costs of hive boxes contributing to expansion;
- Purchase of monitoring and detection equipment for honeybee pests and diseases;
- Purchase of beekeeping equipment or other technologies that will lead to improved management of pests and diseases and improved colony overwintering;
- Purchase of beekeeping equipment or other technologies that lead to increased pollination efficiency;
- Purchase of equipment for honey extraction and value-added processing; and
- Other projects approved by the Prince Edward Island Livestock Strategy Program Review Committee.

NOTE:

- Note²: The intra-provincial purchase of colonies between qualifying applicants may be considered for funding under the condition that the applicant selling the colonies is exiting the honey beekeeping sector permanently. The exiting beekeeper must apply to the program as a seller, provide an exit plan in their application, and will not be eligible to access future Pollination Expansion funding.

Ineligible Activities/Expenses

- Purchase and/or selling of honeybee colonies containing established colonies, and/or equipment between qualifying applicants (unless the seller is exiting the beekeeping sector, or the colonies are splits contributing to expansion);
- Replacement bees for colonies that experienced winterkill (excluding queen bees purchased domestically);
- Full colonies which have already been funded under the Pollination Expansion Program;
- Purchase of pest and disease treatments;
- In-kind contributions (including wages and labour);
- Buildings/structures;
- Overhead and/or administration costs;
- BRM-type activities;
- Normal and on-going operating and maintenance activities;
- Activities that do not provide a direct benefit to the Sector;
- Activities related to aquaponic food production, or to aquaculture, seaweed, fish and seafood production and processing (except international marketing and traceability activities for fish and seafood);
- Activities which provide tax credits or rebates; and
- Development and enforcement of regulations.

Funding

- 50% of eligible expenses per individual **honeybee queen**, for the purchase of eligible **imported international or domestic honeybee queens** (maximum of \$25/queen);
- 50% of eligible expenses for the purchase of **queen rearing equipment, monitoring and detection equipment** for honeybee pests and diseases (maximum of \$400);
- 50% of eligible expenses, for individual **nucleus, split, or out-of-province full colonies**; individual **in-province full colonies**, eligible individual **bee packages** (to a maximum of \$200/colony and \$150/package);
- 50% of eligible expenses, to a maximum of \$100 per one hive's worth of new hives contributing to expansion (to a maximum of 20 deep frames, 10 medium frames, and 10 shallow frames per new hive);
- 50% of eligible expenses, to a maximum of \$20,000, for **industry priority bee research**;
- 50% of eligible expenses, to a maximum of \$15,000, for **beekeeping technology or expenses** that will lead to increased pollination and honey extraction efficiency; and
- 50% of eligible expenses, to a maximum of \$20,000, for **beekeeping technology or expenses** that will lead to improved management of pests and diseases and improved colony overwintering.

Annual and Program Funding Cap

- Recipients are eligible for a maximum of \$50,000 in funding per funding year; and Recipients are eligible for a maximum of \$75,000 in funding over the life of Sustainable CAP (2023-2028).



CLAIMS PROCESS

Applicants shall maintain an accurate record of expenditures incurred and shall submit, upon completion of the project, the following:

- upon claiming, approved applicants must provide proof of the number of colonies provided for fruit crop pollination; the number of colonies provided for fruit crop pollination may determine funding eligibility for subsequent years of the Pollination Expansion Sub-Program;
- a claim form summarizing expenditures;
- copies of all paid invoices with verification of payment;
- a report on the project and its results in terms of meeting applicant and program; objectives/purpose; and
- copies of material produced (or when applicable, photos of material funded).



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Approved projects must be completed within the timeframe outlined in the funding agreement;
- Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria and submit a complete application to the Department of Agriculture. Applicants must also:
 - Submit an Expansion/Development Plan for their operation, outlining their current number of active colonies and their proposed expansion plans;
 - Submit with their application, the number of hives that they plan on renting for fruit crop pollination in the current year; and
 - Submit with their application a Varroa destructor mite management strategy including monitoring and treatment.
- Applications will be assessed on a **first come-first serve basis** and **for merit and impact**.
- If the project is not approved, all incurred costs are the responsibility of the applicant.
- Assistance will be available until funds are totally allocated within that year; and
- Projects may be funded below the maximum contribution rate upon assessment and availability of funding.



PUBLIC TRUST

Projects approved for funding under the Sustainable CAP which have demonstrable links to increasing public trust may be eligible for additional project funding.



REGIONAL COLLABORATION

Projects that are assessed to demonstrate benefits and impacts to more than one Atlantic province may be eligible for funding on a regional basis.



EVALUATION AND CONTROL

A complete evaluation of this program is planned to ensure that the objectives and results are achieved and to assess the relevance of its renewal. Program metrics are collected and reported on an on-going basis.



GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Sustainable CAP programs are available to all Canadians who are eligible to participate in those programs. Wherever possible, the needs of under-represented groups, including Indigenous Peoples, women, youth, and persons with disabilities, were considered during program development.

HOW TO APPLY

Completed applications may be submitted to the attention of the Program Officer via regular mail or email.

Email Applications:

Applications may be submitted via email to

livestock@gov.pe.ca

Please include the program name in the subject line.

Regular Mail Applications:

Applications may be submitted via regular mail at:

PEI Department of Agriculture

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