



Livestock Tag Reader Rebate

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Purpose: A *Growing Forward 2* program that helps livestock producers prepare for anticipated federal regulations on mandatory livestock movement reporting by providing financial support for the purchase of tag readers and compatible software that facilitates seamless transmission of traceability data. It was created for small scale livestock producers that do not meet the income requirement of the On-Farm Food Safety and Traceability program (OFFST), i.e. more than \$30,000 in annual farm cash receipts each year for the previous two years.

Target audience: B.C. livestock producers

Eligible expenses: Livestock tag readers, related software and related training. Tag readers must be on the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency's approved list (link available on the application form). Standalone software is eligible but applicant must prove they already have a tag reader in place (proof of invoice) and provide confirmation from either tag reader or software supplier that the two are compatible.

Cost-share % and cap: Cost-shared at 70% up to \$3,500 per applicant

Terms and conditions: 1) Applicant must be registered in the Premises Identification program (BCPID). Registration can happen simultaneously. 2) Applicant must not have applied to OFFST for the same equipment/services.

Eligible timeframe: Purchases must be made between March 2017 and February 15, 2018

Funding availability: First-come, first-served until February 15, 2018

Process: This is a rebate program; meaning the applicant must first pay for the items and then seek reimbursement later. Submit completed application forms with copies of invoices and/or supporting documentation by email, mail or fax (contact information available on the application form). If eligible, applicants can expect to receive the rebate in 4-6 weeks, depending on whether they are set up for direct deposit. If not set up for direct deposit, they will receive a cheque in the mail.

Link to more program information and application form:

www.gov.bc.ca/agrifoodtraceability

Link to registering for BCPID:

www.gov.bc.ca/premisesidprogram