

CULL ANIMAL PROGRAM  
PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF PRODUCERS FOR CULL ANIMALS FOLLOWING BSE  
SUMMARY

This summary in no way takes precedence over the provisions of the program.

The Government of Canada and the Government of Québec have announced new financial assistance programs to support the cull animal sector following the mad cow disease crisis. The Canadian program, the **Cull Animal Program**, and the Québec program, the **Program in support of producers for cull animals following BSE**, are intended for dairy producers and livestock producers of cow calves, bison, sheep, goats and cervids.

On February 16, 2004, the Government of Canada announced some changes to its cull animal program and the application period was extended to March 12, 2004. **Farming operations registered prior to this announcement remain registered and therefore have no other action to take to participate in the programs.**

La Financière agricole du Québec has been mandated to administer these programs and, therefore, only one application is required to apply for both programs.

**Common Participation Conditions for Both Programs**

**ELIGIBLE HERDS**

To be eligible, the cull animals must:

- have been in your possession on September 1, 2003;
- have been raised and fed in Québec;
- have met, as of September 1, 2003, one of the following descriptions:

Dairy or Beef Type Cattle:

Cows of 30 months of age and over, or cows that have calved at least once. An animal may be considered a dairy type animal only if the farming operation has a production quota, as stipulated in the Act respecting the marketing of agricultural, food and fish products. The milk producer number must be provided on the application form.

Other Ruminants:

Bison: females of 36 months of age and over, or females having calved at least once.

Sheep and goats: females of 12 months of age and over, or females having calved at least once.

Cervids: females of 36 months of age and over, or females having calved at least once.

**APPLICATION**

To participate in both programs, a farming operation must, **no later than March 12, 2004**, apply and produce a statement of the number of females corresponding to the definition of animals eligible for the program on inventory on September 1, 2003.

**REPLACEMENT RATE**

The replacement rate for dairy type cattle was set at 16% (possibility of 20% under the Program in support of producers for cull animals following BSE), the rate for beef type cattle, bison and elk was set at 8% and the rate for sheep, goats and deer was set at 12%.



**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Within the maximum allocations granted by the Government of Canada and the Government of Québec for their respective programs, farming operations eligible for the two programs will receive a fixed amount of up to \$320/head.

The funding will be paid per animal category based on the eligible animals on inventory as of September 1, 2003, to which will be applied the replacement rate set for the programs.

Sales and slaughter proof will not be required and farming operations will have no action to take other than to declare their inventory as of September 1, 2003.

<b>Government of Canada Cull Animal Program</b>
The maximum allocation granted for the program is \$120 million for Canada.
The assistance offered by the Government of Canada, in the framework of the Cull Animal Program for Cattle, corresponds to a fixed amount of up to \$192/head, i.e. \$320 x 60%.
For other categories, the financial assistance is established on the principle of a cattle equivalent animal unit and represents a fixed amount of up to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- for bison: 100% of the assistance granted for cattle, i.e. \$192/cull animal;</li> <li>- for sheep and goats: 20% of the assistance granted for cattle, i.e. \$38.40/cull animal (\$192 x 20%);</li> <li>- for deer: 25% of the assistance granted for cattle, i.e. \$48/cull animal (\$192 x 25%);</li> <li>- for elk: 50 % of the assistance granted for cattle, i.e. \$96/cull animal (\$192 x 50%).</li> </ul>

<b>Government of Québec Program in support of producers for cull animals following BSE</b>
To be eligible for the program, an operation must be duly registered with MAPAQ, in conformance with the Regulation respecting the registration of agricultural operations and the reimbursement of real estate taxes and compensations (with a valid CP12 or NIM).
The assistance granted by the Government of Québec, in the framework of the Program in support of producers for cull animals following BSE, corresponds to a fixed amount of up to \$128/cattle equivalent animal unit, i.e. 40% of the compensation provided under the federal-provincial program (\$320 x 40%), which represents an amount that could reach up to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- for cattle and bison: \$128/cull animal;</li> <li>- for sheep and goats: \$25.60/cull animal (\$128 x 20%);</li> <li>- for deer: \$32/cull animal (\$128 x 25%);</li> <li>- for elk: \$64/cull animal (\$128 x 50%).</li> </ul>
Dairy operations could benefit from additional assistance applicable on an additional replacement rate that could reach 4% of their eligible herd up to the program's total budget package.

**EXAMPLE OF PAYMENT CALCULATION**

Inventory as of September 1, 2003: 100 dairy cows and 50 ewes.

Eligible cull animals	Federal program	Provincial program	Total
16 dairy cows (100 x 16%)	\$3072 (16 x \$192)	\$2048 (16 x \$128)	
4 dairy cows/additional replacement rate - Québec (100 x 4%) <sup>(1)</sup>		\$1280 (4 x \$320)	
Total dairy cows	\$3072.00	\$3328.00	\$6400.00
6 ewes (50 x 12%)	\$230.40 (6 x \$38.40)	\$153.60 (6 x \$25.60)	\$384.00

<sup>(1)</sup> Québec additional cull rate for dairy cows may vary depending on credits available.

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