



Well Decommissioning Rebate

The Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP) is designed to improve public safety and reduce potential groundwater contamination through well decommissioning.

Applicants are encouraged to assess their project against the program criteria and review program eligibility prior to submitting an application for a rebate.

Rebate Details

Well Decommissioning projects are eligible for a rebate of 90 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum rebate of \$10,000 per project. There is no limit on the number of individual well decommissioning projects that can be submitted under the five-year term of the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) from April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2028. The deadline for rebate applications is on or before March 31, 2028.

Wells must be fully decommissioned before a rebate will be issued. No interim payments will be made. Program payments are subject to a minimum rebate of \$250. The minimum claim amount is \$500.

Applicant Eligibility

- Primary agricultural producers (individual, partnership, co-operative or corporation) who can demonstrate a minimum \$50,000 of gross farm income in Saskatchewan in the year of application or the year prior to the application. Individual applicants must be at least 18 years of age;
- First Nation Bands in the Province of Saskatchewan;
- Rural Municipalities in the Province of Saskatchewan; or
- Crown Land Pasture Grazing Associations in Saskatchewan.

Our rebate programs allow flexibility for new entrants to become eligible if they are confident they will be able to provide proof of meeting the gross farm income threshold within the five-year term of Sustainable CAP. Complete the below New Entrant Self-Assessment for details:

New Entrant Self-Assessment:

1. Did you earn less than \$50,000 in gross farm income in the year of or the year prior to the application?
2. Have you recently (roughly within the last five years) made a significant purchase of land, livestock, or other investment for the purpose of farming, which will allow you to generate \$50,000 in gross farm income by March of 2028?
3. Have you actively operated a farm or ranch and earned farm income for five years or less over the previous five years, either as a sole operator or with other related entities who have operated a farm or ranch for five years or less?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, please contact the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 and ask to be connected with an agriculture programs specialist to discuss whether or not you are eligible as a new entrant.