

Growing Forward 2

Instructions for Veterinarians (Beef)

- Government requires third party assessment of a premise for the biosecurity program. Manitoba has chosen to use veterinarians for the assessment as they are experts in disease transmission and biosecurity.
- Contracts / direct billing by veterinarians to government will not be a part of the GF2 Beef program. Producers wishing to take part in the program will be contacting their veterinarian and the producer will be responsible for any cost accrued. There is provision in the program for the producer to get up to \$500 of the veterinary costs back from GF2.
- All GF2 projects are subject to an on farm audit.

Food Safety On-Farm: Beef Eligible Expenses in the table below. Producers do not require any input for Veterinarians to be eligible for these catalogued items.

Practice Code	Eligible Expenses
11001	RFID reading equipment & software
11002	On farm food safety or traceability software
11003	Neck extension for chute
11004	Scale or calibration device for medicating feed or water
11005	Sharps containers
11006	Electric thermometer
11007	First audit for VBP program

Biosecurity GAP Program: Beef Eligible Expenses are in the table below. Producers wishing to apply for these items will be required to have a veterinarian signature indicating a need for the project.

Practice Code	Eligible Expenses
11101	Isolation or quarantine pens for sick or incoming animals
11102	Cleaning or disinfection stations for fomites (equipment, material & other inanimate objects that can spread pathogens). Excluding pressure washer purchase*
11103	Veterinary beef biosecurity herd assessment

Biosecurity GAP Program Minimum Requirements

Isolation or Quarantine Pen

- Single quarantine pen per site
- Must include separate water & feed source from other contacts
- Must be a minimum of 10 metres from nearest contacts
- Runoff from isolation pen cannot drain towards other contacts

- Must be an adequate size & condition for desired purpose (*Animal Care Act*)

Producers are being instructed that the purpose of the program is to construct a single, permanent pen away from the main herd for newly purchased animals (bulls, auction mart cattle, etc.) or animals returning from shows, fairs etc. in order to reduce the exposure of the main herd to infectious diseases. The goal of the GF2 program is to assist in altering producer behavior and increase awareness on specific issues. With the funding of quarantine pens, the government is trying to facilitate segregating incoming animals in order to help protect the producers herd from the introduction of disease and parasites. The goal is to increase producer understanding of the importance of biosecurity. That the practice of purchasing of cattle and the immediate mixing these with healthy cattle has potential consequences.

Producers requesting multiple pens because animals are coming in on a regular basis are by definition “open herds”. Multiple pens become less about biosecurity and more about normal commercial expansion. Normal commercial expansion is not an eligible expense under GF2.

The quarantine pen must be permanent to meet the terms and conditions of the GF2 program. The pen may be constructed from portable panels to facilitate the cleaning of the pen or the panels themselves.

The quarantine pen may include things such as:

- Materials (lumber, posts, etc.) for building a permanent quarantine pen. Moveable panels are eligible to facilitate cleaning of the pen.
- Water trough or permanent water source for quarantined animals (piping to well or pump if required)
- Veterinarian recommendations will be used when reviewing the application to confirm need for equipment to improve on-farm biosecurity
- Biosecurity risk assessment and a subsequent biosecurity management plan prepared under Growing Forward 1 are eligible. The ‘Biosecurity Risk Assessment and Management Plan’ form must be filled out, signed and dated by the veterinarian and submitted with application.
- Clients that did not have a biosecurity assessment done in GF1 will require a “New” Biosecurity Risk Assessment. This must include the “Biosecurity Self Assessment” --from The Canadian Beef Cattle On-Farm Biosecurity Standard document. Some producers may ask for veterinary advice on how to fill in the form. The manual can be found on line at: http://www.cattle.ca/media/file/original/1308_BeeImplementationManual_eng_Final.pdf and on the MVMA website (members only section)
- Producers may also get copies of the self assessment from their local GO office.
- The GF1 assessments are still valid if the veterinarian has been on farm within the last year, in other words, a valid Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) is required. The ‘Biosecurity

Risk Assessment and Management Plan' form will have to be signed and dated with the current date –to verify that all the information from the initial assessment is still valid.

- Producers will need to produce documents verifying completion of a Veterinarian Beef Biosecurity Herd Assessment.

The producer's application must include a detailed description of the project, a list of equipment they want to purchase and how the project supports improved biosecurity GAP. **Diagrams are highly recommended.** The producer may be asking for veterinary assistance in the completion of these documents.

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