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## Participant Handbook Risk Management Program



## **Risk Management Program (RMP) for livestock includes the following four plans:**

- RMP: Cattle
- RMP: Hogs
- RMP: Sheep
- RMP: Veal

Complete details about all four RMP for livestock plans are available on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com) and in the participant handbook and accompanying information sheets, described below:

- **RMP for Livestock Participant Handbook** – The participant handbook outlines what you need to know about the RMP for livestock plans, how to enrol and your responsibilities as a participant. The participant handbook applies starting with the 2015 program year and will continue to apply for subsequent program years, until it is cancelled, amended or replaced. You should retain the participant handbook as it will not be updated annually. If there is any conflict between the participant handbook and an information sheet, the information sheet takes precedence.
- **Rates, Dates and Program Changes Information Sheet** – This information sheet works as part of your participant handbook to provide details specific to the program year, and is updated annually. You will receive the information sheet when you enrol in the program and with your annual renewals. It is also available on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com).
- **Calculating Target and Market Prices Information Sheet** – This information sheet shows how the target and market prices for the RMP for livestock plans are set and is a complementary document to the participant handbook. The data is specific to the program year and is updated annually. You can find the information sheet on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com) or request a copy by calling Agricorp.

**For full particulars of RMP terms and conditions, refer to the documents listed below in effect for the current program year:**

- RMP: Cattle Guidelines
- RMP: Hogs Guidelines
- RMP: Sheep Guidelines
- RMP: Veal Guidelines
- Order-in-Council No. 1309/2011, as amended (Ontario Risk Management Program)
- Order-in-Council No. 1310/2011, as amended (Business Risk Management Review Committee)

Where there is any conflict between the participant handbook, information sheets, and the guidelines, the guidelines take precedence. To obtain copies of the guidelines, please contact the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).



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## What is RMP?

Ontario's Risk Management Program (RMP) helps producers manage risks beyond their control, like fluctuating costs and market prices. The program is available for the cattle, edible horticulture, grain and oilseed, hog, sheep and veal sectors.

A maximum of \$100 million in annual funding is available through RMP. Traditionally, business risk management programs are funded on a 60/40 basis from the federal and provincial governments respectively. RMP is provincially funded only, meaning the Ontario government funds its traditional 40 per cent share. The 40 per cent funding is reflected in payment calculations and premium rates.

RMP complements AgriStability and Production Insurance. AgriStability is designed to stabilize whole farm income and Production Insurance helps mitigate production loss.

## What is RMP for livestock?

RMP for livestock was designed in consultation with representatives of the cattle, hog, sheep and veal industry in Ontario.

RMP for livestock works like insurance to help Ontario producers offset losses caused by fluctuating commodity prices and production costs. Participants pay premiums based on their insured production and their chosen coverage level.

### **Insured production is your anticipated livestock sales for the year.**

There are four livestock plans. Each plan, except sheep, includes several categories of production as shown below. Participants can enrol in one or more plans and can choose single or multiple categories within each plan.

Plan	Categories
<b>Cattle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cow-calf</li><li>• Backgrounder</li><li>• Feedlot</li></ul>
<b>Hogs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early wean</li><li>• Feeder</li><li>• Grower/finisher</li></ul>
<b>Sheep</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lamb</li></ul>
<b>Veal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grain-fed</li><li>• Milk-fed</li></ul>

Program payments are made if the market prices for sold livestock fall below your support level, which is based on the industry average cost of producing livestock (target price) and the level of coverage you choose.

Payments reflect available funding. An interim payment rate is used to make sure every single producer has equal access to the funding, whether they trigger a payment at the beginning or end of the program year. The interim payment is based on market prices, support levels at the traditional provincial share of 40 per cent and available RMP funding.

RMP premiums are collected by Agricorp and managed separately by each participating commodity group. The commodity groups use the funds to supplement payments in years of greater need.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for RMP for livestock you must:

- produce at least one eligible category of livestock in Ontario,
- be able to demonstrate livestock ownership,
- enrol all of your eligible production within a plan category,
- pay the premium, and
- have premises identification (new participants).

To remain eligible for RMP, pay your premium and submit your livestock sales reports by the program deadlines. Even if you had no sales during a reporting period, you must contact Agricorp and report zero sales. Failure to pay your premium or submit a sales report may result in the cancellation of your coverage.

## How to participate

### **New participants**

If you are new to RMP, or if you wish to enrol in a new RMP plan, you need to submit an application to Agricorp.

For greater convenience and timely processing, submit your completed application form online. If not applying online, contact Agricorp and request an application. Paper applications can be submitted by mail or fax. Please only submit your application once.

You can apply as a sole proprietor, unincorporated association, corporation, trust, cooperative, communal organization, partnership, limited partnership or estate. If you are applying online, signatures are not required.

For partnerships and limited partnerships, you should submit only one application, signed by all partners.

## New farmers

If you are a new farmer – meaning the commodity you want to enrol had zero farm income in the previous year – you can enrol after the application deadline has passed, provided you apply before the end of your first sales reporting period.

## Existing participants

If you already participate in RMP for livestock, you will receive a renewal package. You do not need to reapply. All your previous coverage information will be rolled over to the current year.

When you receive your renewal package, review the categories, coverage levels and insured production.

## Adding a new category

If you are already enrolled in a livestock plan, you may add new categories at renewal time. For example, if you have calves enrolled in RMP: Cattle, you can also add coverage under the backgrounder and feedlot categories. Similarly, if you have hogs enrolled in the early-wean category, you can also add coverage under the feeder and grower/finisher categories. To add new categories to your existing plan, simply complete and submit the coverage change request form or call Agricorp.

## Adding a new plan

If you wish to enrol in a new plan for another kind of livestock, contact Agricorp first to find out if you are eligible and how to apply. For example, if you are enrolled in RMP: Sheep and you want to enrol in RMP: Cattle, contact Agricorp.

You can make changes by:

- submitting the online coverage change request on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com), or
- filling out the coverage change request form in your renewal package and mailing or faxing it to Agricorp, or
- calling Agricorp.

## Continuous participation

The coverage you select each year will be automatically rolled over to the next program year using your enrolled categories,

insured production and your selected coverage levels. You can make changes to your coverage every year when you renew.

Participation in your enrolled categories must be continuous. If after a full year of participation, you cancel or do not renew in an enrolled category, you will be ineligible for enrolling again in that category for the current year plus the next two years.

In years when you are not producing a particular livestock category, you can maintain enrolment in that category, without being cancelled, by simply reporting zero production. After three consecutive years of reporting zero production in a category, your enrolment will be cancelled without affecting your eligibility for subsequent program years. If you would like to re-establish your coverage, contact Agricorp.

## Your responsibilities

As with all Agricorp programs, you need to read and understand the RMP details, abide by the applicable terms and conditions, and meet the deadlines, which are published in this Participant Handbook and accompanying information sheets. Other requirements are:

- **Report** any changes to your business structure or farming operation, including a significant expansion or decrease, or changes to the name, address or shareholders, as they occur.
- **Notify Agricorp** if you expect your annual sales to change by more than 25 per cent. This means your actual sales for the year will be more than 25 per cent higher or lower than your original enrolled insured production. You need to notify Agricorp of the change prior to the deadline for the next sales reporting period. Otherwise, your coverage may not be adjusted and could be cancelled.
- **Have a valid premises identification number (premises ID).** If you are an existing participant, Agricorp will use the same premises ID you provided last year. If your farm location has changed, please provide Agricorp with the correct premises ID for the new farm location. For new participants, your application can only be processed once your premises ID is provided to us and verified. If you have more than one premises ID, provide the ID for your home or main farm location in Ontario.

To obtain your premises ID, contact the Provincial Premises Registry at 1-855-697-7743 or visit [www.ontarioppr.ca](http://www.ontarioppr.ca). You will need to provide the Provincial Premises Registry with your property tax assessment roll number (ARN) from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

## Joint venture livestock feeding arrangements

When a livestock owner and feeder operation share the production and marketing risks of livestock, each party may report their share of eligible sales.

In these arrangements, each party typically shares the cost of death losses and no interest, commissions or fees are charged between parties.

If they participate in AgriStability, each party's eligible sales reported in RMP should correspond with the eligible sales they reported in AgriStability. Each party's share of allowable income should correspond to the share of the allowable expenses they reported in AgriStability.

## How the program works

As with other insurance-like programs, you receive a payment when you incur a loss. RMP payments are made if the Ontario average market price for your sold livestock established by the program falls below your support level during the payment calculation period. Your support level is the target price multiplied by your chosen coverage level for that livestock category.

The target price represents the industry average cost of production for each category. Please refer to the *RMP for Livestock Calculating Target and Market Prices Information Sheet* for details on the current program year's calculations of target prices.

You may choose a coverage level of 80, 90 or 100 per cent of the target price.

## Support level

The support level is determined by the target price multiplied by your chosen coverage level. The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) calculates the target price for each livestock category using a method developed in consultation with representatives of the livestock industry.

The target price for each livestock plan is based on production costs derived from relevant farm expenses and production data including livestock purchase costs,

feed costs, yardage and labour. For most livestock categories, the target price is updated regularly throughout the year. For cow-calf and sheep, the target price is calculated annually at the beginning of the year.

## Market prices

Market prices for each livestock category are collected weekly and aggregated over the reporting period for each livestock category to determine an average market price for the livestock category's payment period. Additional details about the data and method used for determining market prices are published in the *RMP for Livestock Calculating Target and Market Prices Information Sheet* which is available on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com) or by contacting Agricorp.

## Premiums

Premium rates are based on the livestock category and your chosen coverage level. Annual premiums for your insured production are calculated at the beginning of each year and can be paid in full or semi-annually when you receive the invoice.

Your annual premium is calculated using one of two formulas, depending on the livestock category:

*Premium rate x number of head enrolled*

OR

*Premium rate x total eligible weight gain enrolled*

Customers whose annual premium is less than \$200 will automatically be invoiced annually. The premium must be paid before a payment is issued. Failure to pay the premium may result in the cancellation of your coverage.

RMP premiums are collected by Agricorp and managed separately by each livestock commodity group. The commodity groups will use the funds to supplement payments to producers in years of greater need. For more information, please contact your commodity group.

## Premium adjustments

Your premium is based on your insured production for the program year. If your actual sales differ from your insured production over the course of the year (either an increase or a decrease), your premium may be adjusted as shown in the following table.

If reported sales differ from insured production by:	Premium adjustment
5% or less	No premium adjustments are made.
Over 5% to 25%	Premiums are automatically adjusted by Agricorp at year-end; you will receive either a premium rebate (if your sales decreased) or an invoice (if your sales increased).
More than 25%	Contact Agricorp immediately if you expect your annual sales to increase or decrease by more than 25%.

### Paying your premium

You must pay your premium by the deadline shown on your invoice using one of these options:

- By Internet banking or telephone banking
- At your financial institution
- By mail, with a cheque payable to:

**Agricorp – Risk Management Program**

PO Box 4685, Stn. A  
Toronto, ON  
M5W 6B3

### Payments

Payments to participants are triggered when the average market price for sold livestock falls below the support level during the payment calculation period.

Payment rates are based on:

- The difference between the market prices and support levels at the 40 per cent provincial share
- Available funding for the Risk Management Program

Payments are calculated using an interim rate, so producers who trigger payments at different times during the year have the same access to funding. As the program year progresses, the interim payment rate may be adjusted.

The payment schedule below shows the payments and adjustments you may be eligible to receive.

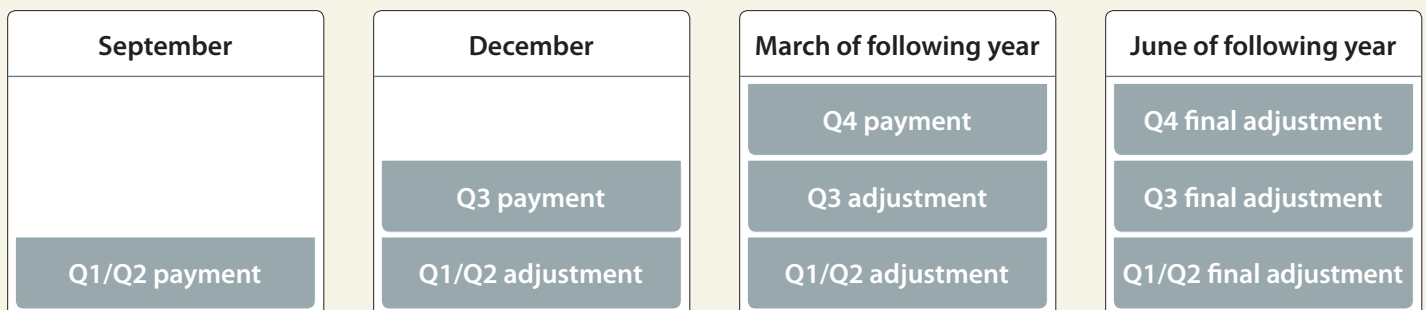
### Payment schedule

Payments are issued semi-annually for cow-calf and sheep producers and three times a year for all other livestock categories. An additional year-end payment may be made, if applicable, depending on remaining funding. RMP payments are considered income for income tax purposes. Agricorp issues AGR-1 statements for income tax annually.

Program payments may not be assigned to a third party.

OMAFRA and Agricorp have absolute discretion to refuse or withhold any payments to any participant.

### Payment schedule



## Link to AgriStability payments

AgriStability is an important part of a comprehensive suite of programs. It protects you from large declines in your farming income caused by production loss, increased costs or market conditions. Visit [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com) for more information.

Starting in 2015, you can choose if you want AgriStability coverage, as it is no longer an eligibility requirement for RMP. You will need to consider what programs best suit the needs of your farm.

If you choose to participate in AgriStability, your RMP payment is counted as an advance on the provincial portion of your AgriStability payment for the corresponding program year. You keep the greater of the RMP payment or the provincial portion of the AgriStability payment. Because RMP is provincially funded, it has no impact on the federal portion of AgriStability payments.

If you participate in more than one RMP plan, the sum of all RMP payments will be offset against your AgriStability payments.

### Off-calendar year-ends

Depending on your year-end, the AgriStability program year may not coincide with the RMP year as shown in the example below.

Your farm business year-end	RMP	Corresponding AgriStability year
September 1 – December 31, 2015	2015	2015
January 1 – August 31, 2016	2015	2016

## Payment caps

RMP payments for each livestock category are capped at \$1.2 million per participant, per program year. For example, if you participate in the cow-calf and the feedlot categories under RMP: Cattle and the grower/finisher category under RMP: Hogs, your payment for each of the three categories is capped at \$1.2 million.

The RMP cap is applied to each category's total payment for the entire year before calculating any applicable adjustments to AgriStability payments.

In instances where the payment cap for a participant is reached, the participant may be entitled to a partial refund of their premium.

## Balances owed to the Crown

Agricorp is required to recover balances owed to the Crown, including any RMP overpayments. Overpayments may occur as a result of incomplete program applications, processing errors, changes to farm operations and the nature of advance payments to producers in financial distress.

If you have a balance owing, you must repay it, including interest, within three years of when you were notified of the debt. You must also submit a repayment plan. Interest is charged on outstanding balances that are owed for more than 30 days.

Agricorp also recovers overpayments from any other programs from which you may be eligible to receive funding. RMP overpayments can be recovered from other programs payments, and other program overpayments may be recovered from your RMP payment.



## Program terms and conditions

### **Bankruptcy or death**

In the event of the bankruptcy or death of the participant, Agricorp needs to be contacted so program coverage can be properly finalized.

### **Farm sale**

If you sell your farming operation, your participation in RMP for livestock is cancelled. If you only sell part of your operation, that part of your coverage is cancelled. Contact Agricorp in the event of any farm sale.

### **Collecting and protecting your information**

Information collected under RMP for livestock is used by Agricorp to administer the program on behalf of OMAFRA. Information collected may be used and disclosed to administer, audit and evaluate the program. This includes sharing information with OMAFRA and any other entity required to administer the program. Agricorp may also use this information to administer or audit other cost shared and provincially or federally subsidized programs. Social insurance numbers and business numbers are collected and used only to make program payments and are shared with the Canada Revenue Agency to issue tax receipts for payments and, where necessary, for audits and collecting overpayments. If you have questions,

please contact Agricorp's Compliance and Freedom of Information – Privacy Specialist at PO Box 3660, Stn. Central, Guelph, Ontario N1H 8M4, 1-888-247-4999.

OMAFRA or Agricorp may disclose any information as obligated under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.F.31, by an order of the court or tribunal, or pursuant to a legal proceeding.

### **Retaining records**

You must retain all invoices, receipts and production records relating to the livestock covered by the program for a period of six years. You must make these documents available to Agricorp in the event of an investigation, inspection, audit or to determine any matter related to RMP for livestock.

### **Right of access**

When you enrol in RMP for livestock, you accept that Agricorp has the right to access your production and financial records, as well as records held by third parties, including, but not limited to, commodity boards, associations and organizations, grain elevators and processors.

Agricorp also has the right of reasonable entry to all lands or facilities you use, own or lease, or have other control or direction over, in order to survey, audit, inspect, estimate and examine your:

- Eligible livestock
- Inventory and production
- Other information that is or should be in your records.

### **Requesting a review**

If you disagree with a decision about your file, a payment or your eligibility for any of the RMP for livestock plans, please contact Agricornp. You have 90 calendar days from receiving a payment or notice to raise the issue.

Agricornp will review and assess the issue. If the assessment is not satisfactory, you may request a review by the Business Risk Management Review Committee (BRMRC). Your written request must be submitted within 90 calendar days of receiving the written assessment from Agricornp. This request must contain:

- The nature of the request for the review
- The grounds that you intend to rely on during the request
- The information and documentation that you will rely on during the review.

The BRMRC will make non-binding recommendations to Agricornp regarding your review. Agricornp may accept the recommendations in full or in part, or may decline to follow the recommendations. There is no further right of review process.

An Agricornp representative can provide you with information on how to make a request to BRMRC. For full particulars involved in requesting a review, refer to Orders-in-Council Nos. 1309/2011 and 1310/2011, as amended, as well as the program guidelines.

### **Consequences of non-compliance and misconduct**

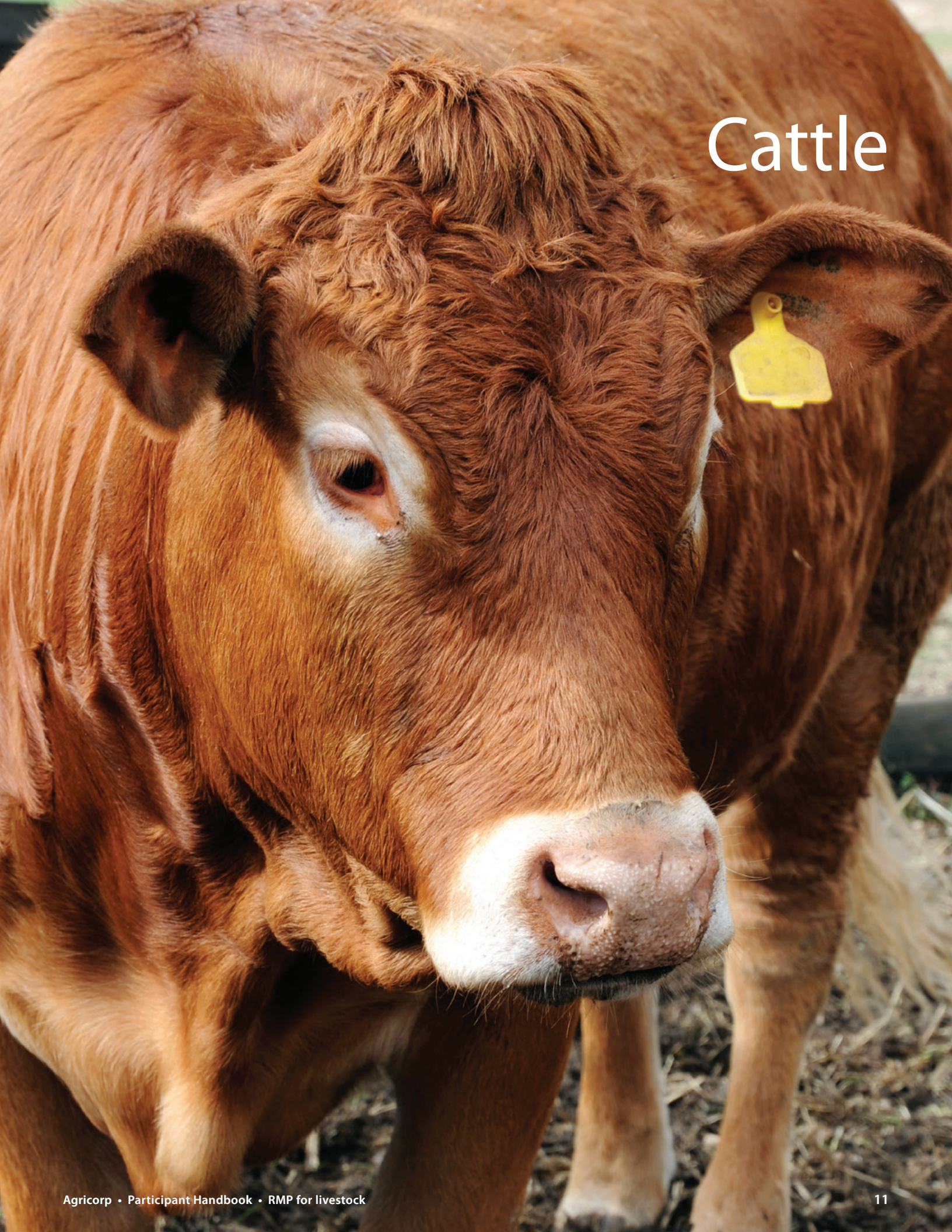
If you do not meet the requirements of the program, your coverage will be cancelled. You will also have to repay any or all payments you received under the program that are not in accordance with the eligibility requirements set out in the application material, the guidelines, this participant handbook and/or the laws of Ontario and Canada. Repayments are due within 30 calendar days of the date of Agricornp's notice to you. Failure to make repayment creates a debt to the Crown that can be recovered against any money the Crown owes you.

Coverage can be cancelled if you in any way:

- Give false or misleading information
- Fail to meet program requirements
- Commit fraud.

If your coverage is cancelled for any reason, you are not eligible to apply again for the current year, plus the following two years.

# Cattle



## RMP: Cattle

### Selecting coverage

Each year, you may choose to enrol in one or more of the following categories of cattle:

- Cow-calf
- Backgrounder
- Feedlot

RMP: Cattle covers the cattle that you sell during the current program year. To receive full coverage for all of your cattle production, you must:

- Enrol all the cattle you expect to sell throughout the program year. Your expected sale date must fall between January 1 and December 31 of the current program year. Do not simply enrol your entire inventory.
- Enrol in all the categories that apply to the cattle you will sell.

For example, if you have a cow-calf to feedlot operation, you may choose all three categories in order to be paid for all the eligible weight gain from birth to slaughter. If you sell only heifer calves up to 500 pounds, then choose the cow-calf category and enrol the number of calves you expect to sell.

Please be aware that by selecting a category for coverage, you are required to enrol, pay the premium and report all your eligible cattle sales within that category. You will be eligible for payment only under your chosen categories.

You can apply for RMP: Cattle as a new or existing participant.

- If you are enrolling in the RMP plan for cattle for the first time, you must fill out an application form.
- If you already participate in the RMP plan for cattle, you will automatically receive a renewal form. Review the categories, coverage levels and insured production and make coverage changes if necessary.

### New participants

When completing the application, follow these steps:

- 1. Select plan** – Select RMP: Cattle on your application.
- 2. Select category** – Choose the specific cattle categories in which you wish to enrol. Consider the animals you typically sell, their average sale weights, and how much of that weight you produced. If you typically sell cattle at 1,500 pounds and raise them from birth, you may enrol in all three categories. If you usually sell cattle at 1,500 pounds but purchase them at 900 pounds, you would enrol in the feedlot category only.
- 3. Select your coverage level** – You may choose a

coverage level of 80, 90 or 100 per cent for each livestock category. You may choose a different coverage level for each category. Your support level is the target price for the livestock category multiplied by your chosen coverage level.

**4. Record your projected sales** – Complete the projected sales chart by entering your anticipated cattle sales for the year for each of your chosen categories. To determine average sale weight for each category, take the total weight for all cattle you expect to sell and divide by the number of head. The average sale weight should closely correspond to the weight ranges shown below.

### Eligible cattle

Cattle that meet all of the following requirements are eligible:

- Must be sold in the current program year.\*
- Must be produced and owned by you in Ontario for a minimum of 120 consecutive days (this 120-day period can span multiple categories).\*\*
- Must be 30 months of age or less
- Cannot be used for breeding purposes (restriction for the backgrounder and feedlot categories only).\*\*\*
- Cannot be enrolled and have sales reported under RMP: Veal.

\* *Breeding stock enrolled in the cow-calf category may qualify for a cow-calf payment without being sold. See "Requests for payment without sale" section for more information.*

\*\* *Agricorp considers ownership, price risk and production risk in determining eligibility for program purposes.*

\*\*\* *For the cow-calf category, calves may be sold or retained for future breeding purposes and still be eligible. In other words, breeding stock are eligible for payment under the cow-calf category only.*

The three cattle categories span production from birth to feedlot in the weight ranges shown below. Use these weight ranges to help you determine the categories in which you should enrol. Payments are made on weight gain within these ranges.

Cattle production	Steer production (live weight)	Heifer production (live weight)
Cow-calf	Up to 550 lb.	Up to 500 lb.
Backgrounder	Over 550–900 lb.	Over 500–850 lb.
Feedlot	Over 900–1,500 lb.	Over 850–1,400 lb.

Cattle sold beyond the maximum feedlot weight may still be enrolled; however, payments are based only on the weight ranges listed above. For cow-calf and backgrounder categories, any additional weight gain beyond the maximum will be covered in the next weight category, if you're enrolled.

For example, a heifer calf weighing 600 pounds will be paid for weight gain up to 500 pounds in the cow-calf category and can be paid for 100 pounds if enrolled in the backgrounder category as well. A feedlot steer weighing 1,650 pounds will only be paid for weight gain up to 1,500 pounds.

### **Cow-calf category**

- Calves must weigh more than 350 pounds at time of sale.
- Calves must be raised from birth under the cow-calf category. Calves that have been purchased are not eligible for payment under the cow-calf category, but may be eligible under the other two categories.
- Dairy calves are not eligible for enrolment in cow-calf category.

## **Payments**

RMP payments are issued for your sold cattle when the average market price falls below your support level during a payment calculation period. They are based on the difference between the support level and the average market price. In each category, the average market price, support level and payments are calculated separately. Payment schedules also differ by category.

### **Cow-calf category**

- Payments are calculated twice per year after each sales reporting period.
- The support level remains constant for the program year.
- Market prices are calculated twice per year, from January 1 to June 30 and from July 1 to December 31 of the current program year.
- Steer and heifer payment rates are blended (50/50) to form a common payment rate.
- While coverage for calves is provided on a per-head basis, those weighing less than the maximum weight (500 pounds for heifers and 550 pounds for steers) will have payments pro-rated based on their actual weight. Calves sold at less than 350 pounds are not eligible for payment.

### **Backgrounder and feedlot categories**

- Payments are calculated every week and compiled after each sales reporting period.
- Both the support levels and the market prices are calculated every week, and will vary from week to week depending on fluctuating commodity prices. The support level and market price are based on the reported date of sale. If you are enrolled in multiple categories, the support levels and market prices are calculated back the appropriate number of weeks to match the production period of your enrolled program categories.
- Steer and heifer payment rates are blended (64/36) to form a common payment rate.

- Coverage is provided on a per-pound basis. Payments are calculated up to the maximum live weight in each category. Any reported weight above the maximum is not eligible for payment in that category.

Additional details on the support level (target price multiplied by your coverage level) and market prices are published in the *RMP for Livestock Calculating Target and Market Prices Information Sheet* which is available on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com) or by contacting Agricorp.

### **Conversion from rail weight to live weight**

Agricorp will convert sales reported as rail weight to live weight as shown below:

- For heifers, rail weight is calculated as 58.5 per cent of live weight
- For steers, rail weight is calculated as 60 per cent of live weight

*Note: Report the weights as either "live" or "rail" – as they appear on your receipt – do not convert the weights yourself.*

## **Coverage in multiple categories**

If you enrol in multiple categories, your payment will be calculated based on all of them at the time of sale.

For example, if you raise calves from birth and sell them at 800 pounds, your payment calculation will cover the weight gain within both the cow-calf and the backgrounder categories, provided you have enrolled in both categories.

If you raise calves from birth and sell them at 1,500 pounds, your payment calculation will cover the weight gain under all three categories – cow-calf, backgrounder and feedlot, provided you have enrolled in all three categories.

Payment calculations for all eligible categories are triggered when the animal is ultimately sold. In limited circumstances, calves in the cow-calf category may be eligible for a payment without being sold (see below).

### **Requests for payment without sale**

Calves enrolled in the cow-calf category that are not being sold may qualify for a payment if they are being kept for breeding purposes.

You may request a payment without sale calculation for these calves when they reach the maximum eligible weight in the cow-calf category (500 pounds for heifers and 550 pounds for bulls). To request payment, you must submit a Payment without Sale form to Agricorp. This form is included with your sales report and is also available on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com).

Animals submitted for payment without sale are not eligible for coverage under the backgrounder or feedlot categories.

## Reporting your information

Submit your sales report to Agricorp according to the schedule in the *RMP for Livestock Rates, Dates and Program Changes Information Sheet*. To remain eligible for all the categories, you have to submit a sales report even if you have zero sales for that reporting period. Report the actual sale weight as shown on the sales/slaughter receipt. Report each animal only once, at the final sale weight. If the animal is enrolled in multiple categories, the program will automatically calculate all category payments based on the final sale weight.

### Cow-calf category – Sales reporting schedule

Sales reporting period	Deadline to report	Information to report each period
January 1 to June 30	July 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of steer calves sold, their average sale weight, and the primary point of sale</li> <li>• Number of heifer calves sold, their average sale weight, and the primary point of sale</li> </ul>
July 1 to December 31	January 31 of the next year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of sale</li> <li>• If applicable – Payment without Sale form for calves retained for breeding purposes</li> </ul>

### Backgrounder and feedlot categories – Sales reporting schedule

Sales reporting period	Deadline to report	Information to report each period
January 1 to March 31	April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of steers or heifers sold, their average sale weight, and the primary point of sale</li> </ul>
April 1 to June 30	July 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Origin of all sold animals (e.g., the number raised from birth, the number purchased and, if purchased, average purchase weight and purchase date)</li> <li>• Date of sale/slaughter</li> </ul>
July 1 to September 30	October 31	
October 1 to December 31	January 31 of the next year	

### Receipts

Copies of sales/slaughter and purchase receipts must be available upon request to help Agricorp verify program payments.

When sales receipts are requested, they must clearly show the following:

- Weight (live or carcass) by certified scale – if a certified scale weight is not available, the receipt must show the estimated weight and be signed by both the buyer and the seller.
- Number of head.
- Date of sale.
- Name of seller and buyer.
- Transaction value.

► Please refer to the *RMP for Livestock Rates, Dates and Program Changes Information Sheet* for details on the current program year's premium rates, program and sales reporting deadlines.

### Ontario Corn Fed Beef Ledger Account Program

This is a risk management tool offered by the Ontario Cattle Feeders' Association (OCFA). The program helps stabilize pricing for participating cattle producers, encouraging further growth in the sector.

How the Ledger Account program and RMP work together:

- Producers can enrol in both programs
- Cattle sold through the Ledger Account program are not eligible for RMP feedlot category payments.
- Participants need to report all eligible cattle sales on their sales report, including those sold through the Ledger Account program. All cattle need to be accounted for by RMP to maintain accurate insured production.

For more information on the Ledger Account program, contact the OCFA at 519-686-6226 or visit [ontariocornfedbeef.com](http://ontariocornfedbeef.com)

# Hogs



## RMP: Hogs

### Selecting coverage

Each year, you may choose to enrol in one or more of the following categories of hogs:

- Early wean
- Feeder
- Grower/finisher

RMP: Hogs covers the eligible hogs that you sell during the current program year. To receive full coverage for all of your hog production, you must:

- Enrol all the eligible hogs you expect to sell throughout the program year. Your expected sale date must fall between January 1 and December 31 of the current program year. Do not simply enrol your entire inventory.
- Enrol in all the categories that apply to the hogs you sell. For example, if you have a farrow to finish operation, you would need to enrol in all three categories in order to be paid for all eligible production from birth to slaughter.

Please be aware that by selecting a category for coverage, you are required to enrol, pay the premium and report all of your eligible hog sales within that category. You will be eligible for payment only under your chosen categories.

You can apply for RMP: Hogs as a new or existing participant.

- If you are enrolling in the hogs plan for the first time, you must fill out an application form.
- If you already participate in the hogs plan, you will automatically receive a renewal form. Review the categories, coverage levels and insured production outlined on your renewal and make coverage changes if necessary.

### New participants

When completing the application, follow these steps:

- 1. Select plan** – Select RMP: Hogs on your application.
- 2. Select category** – Choose the specific hog categories in which you wish to enrol.
- 3. Select your coverage level** – You may choose a coverage level of 80, 90 or 100 per cent for each category. You may choose a different coverage level for each category. Your support level is the target price for the livestock category multiplied by your chosen coverage level.

**4. Record your projected sales** – Complete the projected sales chart by entering your anticipated hog sales for the year for each of your chosen categories. To determine average sale weight for the grower/finisher category, take the total weight for all hogs you expect to sell and divide by the number of head. The average sale weight should roughly fall within 87.5 to 159 kilograms live weight. If it doesn't, contact Agricornp to ensure you are enrolling in the correct categories.

### Eligible hogs

**Hogs that meet all of the following requirements are eligible:**

- Must be sold in the current program year.
- Must not be enrolled in the same category more than once
- Must be produced and owned by you in Ontario for a minimum length of time as shown below\*
- Grower/finisher hogs must be sold for slaughter to be eligible for payment in the grower/finisher category
- Must not have been bred\*\*

\* *Agricornp considers ownership, price risk and production risk in determining eligibility for program purposes.*

\*\* *Hogs may be sold for future breeding purposes and still be eligible for coverage under the early wean and feeder categories only.*

Hogs may be enrolled in any of the following three categories. Remember, you must enrol all of your eligible hogs in each category.

**Early weans:** You must own these for a minimum of 15 days. They typically weigh up to seven kilograms.

**Feeders:** You must own these for a minimum of 35 days. They typically weigh up to 25 kilograms, and include off-type animals such as barbecue pigs sold between 25 and 87.5 kilograms live weight and breeding hogs sold above 25 kilograms.

**Grower/Finishers:** You must own for a minimum of 70 days. These hogs must weigh at least 87.5 kilograms to be eligible for payment, but payment is based on eligible weight gain starting from 25 kilograms.

Ownership requirements are cumulative. For a farrow to finish operation, you must own the hogs for 120 days to be eligible under all three categories (15 + 35 + 70 = 120).

Hogs sold outside these weight ranges may still be enrolled; however, payments are based on the weight ranges above. If a hog is sold above the maximum weight range for a category, you are still eligible for a payment.



## Payments

RMP payments are issued for your sold hogs when the average market price falls below your support level during the payment calculation period. The average market price and support level are calculated separately for each hog category. Each category also has a separate payment calculation.

For all three hog categories:

- Payments are calculated every week and compiled after each sales reporting period.
- Both the support levels and the market prices are calculated every week, and will vary from week to week depending on fluctuating commodity prices. The support level and market price are based on your reported date of sale. If you are enrolled in multiple categories, the support levels and market prices are calculated back a number of weeks corresponding to each production period category.

Additional details on the support level (target price multiplied by your coverage level) and market prices are published in the *RMP for Livestock Calculating Target and Market Prices Information Sheet* which is available on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com) or by contacting Agricorp.

### **For early wean and feeders (including off type animals)**

Payment is made on a per-head basis, regardless of actual weight. The payment rate is based on the average cost of raising the animal to the weights listed above. For example, an early wean sold at 9 kilograms is eligible for the early wean per-head payment if you owned it for at least 15 days. A feeder sold at 35 kilograms is eligible for the feeder payment if you owned it for at least 35 days.

Off-type animals include breeding hogs over 25 kilograms and hogs sold for barbecue between 25 and 87.5 kilograms live weight. These animals are treated as feeders for your sales reporting and payment calculation.

### **For the grower/finisher category**

Only hogs over 87.5 kilograms live weight that are sold for slaughter are eligible for payment.

Grower/finisher payments are calculated on a per-kilogram weight gain basis, up to a maximum of 134 kilograms weight gain per hog (the maximum load average weight of 159 kilograms live weight minus the deemed starting weight of 25 kilograms). For example, a hog weighing 175 kilograms can only be paid for weight gain up to 159 kilograms. Any additional weight gain beyond the maximum is not covered.

The minimum eligible sale weight to trigger a payment in the grower/finisher category is 87.5 kilograms live weight. Grower/finisher hogs weighing less than 87.5 kilograms (e.g., barbecue pigs) and breeding stock may be eligible for payment under the feeder category.

### **Conversion from dressed weight to live weight**

Agricorp will convert sales reported as dressed weight to live weight as shown below:

- When the head remains with the carcass, dressed weight is 80 per cent of the live weight
- When the head is removed from the carcass, dressed weight is 74 per cent of the live weight.

*Note: Report weights as either carcass or live as they appear on your receipt. Do not convert the weights yourself.*

### **Coverage in multiple categories**

If you enrol your hogs in multiple categories, your payment will be calculated based on all of them at the time of sale.

### **Raising hogs from birth**

If you raise hogs from birth for sale, you may be eligible for payment in one or more categories as shown below, depending on the sale weight of the hogs.

- If you raise early weans for sale, you may enrol in the early wean category only.
- If you have a farrow to feeder operation, you may enrol in the early wean and feeder categories.
- If you have a farrow to finish operation, you may enrol in all three categories: early wean, feeder and grower/finisher.
- If you sell off-type hogs (i.e., breeding hogs and barbecue pigs) raised from birth, you may be eligible for the early wean and feeder categories.

### **Purchasing hogs**

If you purchase hogs and raise them for sale, you may be eligible for the feeder or the grower/finisher category, or both, depending on the purchase and sale weight of the hogs sold.

- If you purchase early weans to raise for slaughter, you may enrol in both the feeder and grower/finisher categories.
- If you purchase early weans to sell as feeders, you may enrol in the feeder category only.
- If you purchase feeders to raise for slaughter, you may enrol in the grower/finisher category only.

## Reporting your information

Submit your sales report to Agricornp according to the schedule in the *RMP for Livestock Rates, Dates and Program Changes Information Sheet*. To remain eligible for all enrolled categories, you must submit a sales report. If you have zero sales, you must report that too. Report only hogs that are sold and eligible for the program.

- Off-type animals: Report barbecue pigs sold between 25 and 87.5 kilograms live weight, and breeding hogs sold above 25 kilograms live weight, as feeder sales.
- Live or carcass weight: Report the actual sale weight as shown on the sales receipt – do not convert the sale weight. Also indicate whether the weight is live or carcass, head on or head off, as specified on the sales receipt.
- Report each sold animal only once, at the final sale weight. For example, a 120-kilogram market hog you raised from farrow to finish would only be reported once, as a grower/finisher sale. You would also indicate that you raised the animal from birth.

### Early wean category – Sales reporting schedule

Sales reporting period	Deadline	Information to report each period
January 1 to March 31	April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of hogs sold</li> <li>• Average sale weight</li> <li>• Primary point of sale</li> <li>• Date of sale</li> </ul>
April 1 to June 30	July 31	
July 1 to September 30	October 31	
October 1 to December 31	January 31 of the next year	

### Feeder and grower/finisher categories – Sales reporting schedule

Sales reporting period	Deadline	Information to report each period
January 1 to March 31	April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of hogs sold</li> <li>• Average sale weight</li> <li>• Primary point of sale</li> <li>• Origin of all sold animals (number raised from birth and number purchased)</li> <li>• Date of sale/slaughter</li> <li>• Any off-type hog sales (barbecue pigs or breeding hogs) as feeder</li> </ul>
April 1 to June 30	July 31	
July 1 to September 30	October 31	
October 1 to December 31	January 31 of the next year	

### Receipts

Copies of sales/slaughter and purchase receipts must be available upon request to help Agricornp verify program payments.

When sales receipts are requested, they must clearly show the following:

- Weight (live or carcass) by certified scale – if a certified scale weight is not available, the receipt must show the estimated weight and be signed by both the buyer and the seller.
- Number of head
- Date of sale
- Name of seller and buyer
- Transaction value

▶ Please refer to the *RMP for Livestock Rates, Dates and Program Changes Information Sheet* for details on the current program year's premium rates, program and sales reporting deadlines.

# Sheep



## RMP: Sheep

### Selecting coverage

If you choose to participate in the RMP plan for sheep, you are required to enrol all your lamb production, pay the premium and report all of your eligible lamb sales. You must also provide the average number of ewes in your breeding flock for the year, and indicate if you purchase lambs for further finishing.

RMP: Sheep covers the eligible lambs that you sell during the current program year. To receive full coverage for all of your lamb production, you must enrol all the eligible lambs you expect to sell throughout the program year. Your expected sale date must fall between January 1 and December 31 of the current program year.

You can apply for RMP: Sheep as a new or existing participant.

- If you are enrolling in the RMP plan for sheep for the first time, you must fill out an application form
- If you already participate in the RMP plan for sheep, you

will automatically receive a renewal form. Review the coverage levels and insured production outlined on your renewal and make coverage changes if necessary.

### New participants

When completing the application, follow these steps:

- 1. Select plan** – Select RMP: Sheep on your application.
- 2. Select category** – Lambs is the only category available in the RMP plan for sheep .
- 3. Select your coverage level** – You may choose a coverage level of 80, 90 or 100 per cent. Your support level will be the target price for the livestock category multiplied by your chosen coverage level.
- 4. Record your projected sales** – Complete the projected sales chart by entering your anticipated lamb sales for the year. To determine average sale weight, take the total weight for all lambs you expect to sell and divide by the number of head. The average sale weight must fall within 30 to 126 pounds.

### Eligible lambs

To be eligible for payment, lambs must:

- Be sold in the current program year
- Be produced and owned by you in Ontario for a minimum of 30 days\*
- Weigh 30 to 126 pounds (live weight) at time of sale
- Be less than one year of age
- Not be pregnant\*\*

\* *Agricorp considers ownership, price risk and production risk in determining eligibility.*

\*\* *Lambs may be sold for future breeding purposes and still be eligible for program coverage.*

### Payments

RMP payments are issued for your sold lambs when the average market price falls below the RMP support level during the payment calculation period. Payments are based on the difference between the support level and the average market price of a 75 pound lamb on per pound basis.

- Payments are calculated six times per year following each two-month payment period, and issued after each semi-annual sales report has been submitted and processed.
- Market prices are collected weekly and averaged for each two-month payment period.
- The support level remains constant for the program year.

The calculation is repeated for each two-month production period and the payments for the first three production periods are compiled into the first semi-annual payment.

Additional details on the support level (target price multiplied by your coverage level) and market prices are published in the *RMP for Livestock Calculating Target and Market Prices Information Sheet* which is available on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com) or by contacting Agricorp.

## **Conversion from dressed weight to live weight**

Agricorp will convert sales reported as dressed weight to live weight as shown below:

- When the head remains with the carcass, dressed weight is 56 per cent of live weight
- When the head is removed from the carcass, dressed weight is 53 per cent of live weight

*Note: Report the weights as either 'carcass' weight or 'live' weight as they appear on your receipt – do not convert the weights yourself.*

## **Payment calculations**

Lambs weighing from 30 pounds up to 115 pounds live weight will have a payment calculation based on their actual live weight.

Lambs weighing more than 115 pounds up to 126 pounds live weight will have a payment calculation based on a maximum of 115 pounds.

Payments will not be made for lambs weighing less than 30 pounds or more than 126 pounds live weight.

*Note: For lambs born and raised on the farm, the eligible weight gain will be the sale weight. For lambs purchased, the eligible weight gain will be the average sale weight minus the average purchase weight.*

## Reporting your information

Submit your sales report to Agricornp according to the schedule in the *RMP for Livestock Rates, Dates and Program Changes Information Sheet*. To remain eligible, you must submit a sales report even if you have zero sales. To report zero sales, you may indicate zero sales on your sales report and submit online or contact Agricornp. Report only lambs that are sold and eligible for the program.

For live or carcass weight, report the actual sale weight as shown on the sales receipt – do not convert the sale weight. Also indicate whether the weight is live or carcass, head on or head off, as specified on the sales receipt.

### Sales reporting schedule

Sales reporting period	Deadline	Information to report each period
January 1 to June 30	July 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number of lambs sold</li><li>• Average sale weight</li><li>• Primary point of sale</li></ul>
July 1 to December 31	January 31 of the next year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Origin of all sold animals (number raised from birth, number purchased and if purchased, average weight at purchase)</li><li>• Date of sale</li></ul>

### Receipts

Copies of sales/slaughter and purchase receipts must be available upon request to help Agricornp verify program payments.

When sales receipts are requested, they must clearly show the following:

- Weight (live or carcass) by certified scale – if a certified scale weight is not available, the receipt must show the estimated weight and be signed by both the buyer and the seller.
- Number of head
- Date of sale
- Name of seller and buyer
- Transaction value

▶ Please refer to the *RMP for Livestock Rates, Dates and Program Changes Information Sheet* for details on the current program year's premium rates, program and sales reporting deadlines.

# Veal



## RMP: Veal

### Selecting coverage

Each year, you may choose to enrol in one or both of the following categories of veal:

- Milk-fed veal calves
- Grain-fed veal calves

RMP: Veal covers the eligible veal calves that you sell during the current program year. To receive coverage for all your veal sales, you must enrol all of the veal calves you expect to sell throughout the current program year. Your expected sale date must fall between January 1 and December 31 of the current program year.

Please be aware that by selecting a category for coverage, you are required to enrol all of your production, pay the premium and report all of your eligible veal sales within that category. You will be eligible for payment only under your chosen categories.

You can apply for RMP: Veal as a new or existing participant.

- If you are enrolling in the RMP plan for veal for the first time, you must fill out an application.
- If you already participate in the RMP plan for veal, you will automatically receive a renewal form. Review the categories, coverage levels and insured production outlined on your renewal and make coverage changes if necessary.

### New participants

When completing the application, follow these steps:

- 1. Select plan** – Select RMP: Veal on your application.
- 2. Select category** – Choose the specific veal categories in which you wish to enrol.
- 3. Select your coverage level** – You may choose a coverage level of 80, 90 or 100 per cent for each livestock category. You may choose a different coverage level for each category. Your support will be the target price for the livestock category multiplied by your chosen coverage level.
- 4. Record your projected sales** – Complete the projected sales chart by entering your anticipated veal sales for the year for each of your chosen categories.

### Eligible veal calves

To be eligible for payment, veal calves must be:

- Sold for slaughter in the current program year.
- Produced and owned by you in Ontario for a minimum

of 90 consecutive days\*

- Within the weight ranges shown below (sales receipts for grain-fed veal must show individual live weights)

\* *Agricorp considers ownership, price risk and production risk in determining eligibility for program purposes.*

Veal calves may be enrolled in either of the following two categories:

Veal category	Weight range (live weight at time of sale)	Rail Weight
Grain-fed	Between 600–752 lb. (individual weight)*	Between 327–410 lb. (individual weight)
Milk-fed	Between 340–675 lb.	Between 199–396 lb.

\* *Grain-fed veal calves sold on a group weight basis are not eligible for payment.*

### Grain-fed veal calves weighing more than 725 pounds

Grain-fed veal calves that weigh more than 725 pounds are considered overweight, but may still be eligible for partial payment as long as they weigh less than 752 pounds. These calves are eligible for a payment calculation at a ratio of one overweight grain-fed veal calf for every 10 eligible grain-fed veal calves sold at 725 pounds or less.

For example, if you have 50 eligible grain-fed veal calves that weigh 720 pounds and 10 grain-fed veal calves that weigh 750 pounds, your payment will be calculated as follows:

- Full payment rate for 50 calves weighing 720 pounds (individual live weight)
- Full payment rate for five calves (10% of 50) weighing 750 pounds (individual live weight)
- No payment for the other five calves weighing 750 pounds (individual live weight)

If the number of overweight animals for the quarter exceeds the 1:10 ratio, the first reported sale will be used for calculating payments until the maximum ratio has been reached. These animals will be paid at the payment rate for the week they were sold.

Using the above example, the first five animals sold in the quarter will be paid at the payment rate for the week they were sold. All animals will need to be weighed individually to be eligible.



## Payments

Payments are issued for your sold veal calves when the average market price falls below the support level during the payment calculation period. The average market price and support level are calculated separately for each veal category. Each category also has a separate payment calculation.

For both grain-fed and milk-fed veal:

- Payment rates are calculated every week and accumulated into a single payment issued three times a year.
- Both the support levels and the market prices are calculated every week, and will vary from week to week depending on fluctuating commodity prices. The support levels and market prices are based on the reported date of sale.

Additional details on the support level (target price multiplied by your coverage level) and market prices

are published in the *RMP for Livestock Calculating Target and Market Prices Information Sheet* which is available on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com) or by contacting Agricornp.

## Reporting your information

Submit your sales report to Agricornp according to the schedule in the RMP for Livestock Rates, Dates and Program Changes Information Sheet. To remain eligible for all enrolled categories, you must submit a sales report even if you have zero sales. To report zero sales, you may indicate zero sales on your sales report and submit online or contact Agricornp. If applying online, you will receive a confirmation number when you click Submit. Write this number on your sales records and send them to Agricornp. Report only veal calves that are sold and eligible for the program.

Report the actual sale weight as shown on the sales/ slaughter receipt. Report the weights as either “live” or “rail” – do not convert the weights yourself. Sales receipts must accompany all sales reports for grain-fed veal.

### Grain fed veal – Sales reporting schedule

Sales reporting period	Deadline	Information to report each period
January 1 to March 31	April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of calves sold by live weight in the following ranges:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 600 to 725 lb.</li> <li>- over 725 lb. up to 752 lb.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
April 1 to June 30	July 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of calves sold by rail weight in the following ranges:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 327 to 396 lb.</li> <li>- over 396 lb. up to 410 lb.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
July 1 to September 30	October 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of sale/slaughter</li> </ul>
October 1 to December 31	January 31 of the next year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of receipts showing individual animal weights must accompany your sales report</li> </ul>

### Milk-fed veal – Sales reporting schedule

Sales reporting period	Deadline	Information to report each period
January 1 to March 31	April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of eligible calves sold according to their weight type:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 340 to 675 lb. live weight</li> <li>- up to 396 lb. rail weight</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
April 1 to June 30	July 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of your slaughter/transaction records or auction market invoices showing animal weights (group or individual weights)</li> </ul>
July 1 to September 30	October 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of sale/slaughter</li> </ul>
October 1 to December 31	January 31 of the next year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of sale/slaughter</li> </ul>

## Receipts

Copies of purchase receipts for bob calves or preconditioned calves must be available upon request to help Agricorp verify program eligibility (e.g., minimum ownership of 90 days).

Sales/slaughter receipts are always required for both grain-fed and milk-fed veal calves and must clearly show the following:

- Live or rail weight (must show individual weight for grain-fed veal)
- Number of head
- Date of sale
- Name of seller and buyer

▶ Please refer to the *RMP for Livestock Rates, Dates and Program Changes Information Sheet* for details on the current program year's premium rates, program and sales reporting deadlines.

## Definitions

These terms are used in this participant handbook, in the information sheets or in both.

### **AgriStability**

A program delivered by Agricorp in Ontario that protects whole farms against large margin declines caused by any combination of production losses, adverse market conditions or increased costs. As of 2015, participation in this program is no longer an eligibility requirement for RMP.

### **BFO**

Beef Farmers of Ontario

### **BRMRC**

The Business Risk Management Review Committee reviews decisions by Agricorp for producers who request them. Producers must provide valid grounds and information to warrant reviews.

### **Cattle**

A bovine of a beef-type breed raised primarily for meat and produced in Ontario for at least 120 consecutive days; includes calves, steers and heifers.

### **Coverage level**

The percentage of the target price that will be covered for a livestock category, which determines the support level. Participants may choose a coverage level of 80, 90 or 100 per cent for each category.

### **Dressed weight**

**Cattle:** The carcass or rail weight of a slaughtered steer or heifer. For heifers, dressed weight is 58.5 per cent of live weight; for steers, dressed weight is 60 per cent of live weight.

**Hogs:** The carcass weight of a slaughtered hog. Dressed weight is 80 per cent of the live weight with the head on, and 74 per cent of live weight with the head off.

**Sheep:** The carcass weight of a slaughtered lamb. Dressed weight is 56 per cent of the live weight with the head on, and 53 per cent of the live weight with the head off.

**Veal:** The carcass or rail weight of a slaughtered veal calf. Dressed weight is 54.5 per cent of the live weight for a grain-fed calf and 58.5 per cent of live weight for a milk-fed calf.

### **Eligible production**

The production or weight gain of Ontario-grown livestock within the allowable weight ranges of a category, and covered by the program.

### **Eligible sale**

A commercial transaction in which possession of an animal is transferred. Sales must take place within the current program year. Eligible sales do not include the transfer of condemned animals or dead stock. Transfer of title (legal ownership) for the purpose of security of interest is not considered an eligible sale.

### **Insured production**

An estimate of the total eligible production per category that the participant plans to sell during the program year.

### **Live weight**

The actual weight of an animal not yet slaughtered (before any deductions are applied) or the converted weight of a carcass after program dressed weight percentages are applied. Participants must report actual carcass weights or live weights - whichever is shown on the sales receipt.

### **Market price**

The average sale price for an animal within a livestock category. These are gathered over the production or sales period and compared to the support level to calculate any eligible program payments. Additional details on the market prices are published in the *RMP for Livestock Calculating Target and Market Prices Information Sheet* which is available on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com) or by contacting Agricorp.

**New participant**

A producer who is not currently participating in any of the RMP for livestock plans.

**Ontario Pork**

Ontario Pork Producers' Marketing Board

**OSMA**

Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency

**OVA**

Ontario Veal Association

**Ownership**

The right of possession of livestock and their associated risks. Agricorp considers ownership, price risk and production risk in determining eligibility for program purposes. Possession of title for the sole purpose of security of interest is not sufficient for program eligibility.

**Payment without sale**

Calves enrolled in the cow-calf category that are not being sold may qualify for a payment without sale if they are kept for breeding purposes. The date of eligibility must occur within the current program year.

**Premises Identification**

A program offered by the Provincial Premises Registry that assigns a unique identifying number to a parcel of land associated with agricultural activities. Premises ID numbers are required for coverage under all RMP for livestock plans.

**Premium**

The amount of money a producer is required to pay for coverage of their livestock.

**Production period**

The maximum time in which the target price is calculated and applied within a category. These vary by the type of livestock and category.

**Program year**

The calendar year from January 1 to December 31.

**Raised from birth**

Livestock having been weaned in a cow-calf, farrow, or lambing production system.

**Reporting period**

The timelines when actual livestock sales must be reported in order to calculate payments.

**Support level**

The target price for a livestock category multiplied by the participant's chosen level of coverage.

**Target price**

The industry average cost of producing livestock within a production period as determined by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, formerly known as cost of production. Additional details on the current year's target prices are published in the *RMP for Livestock Calculating Target and Market Prices Information Sheet* which is available on [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com) or by contacting Agricorp.









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