



LIVESTOCK TAG READER REBATE

- Applications open from November 2018 -

Purpose: This Canadian Agricultural Partnership program will provide a rebate to B.C. livestock operators in preparation for anticipated amendments to the federal livestock traceability regulations by providing financial support to purchase livestock tag readers (hand-held or panel readers), reader installation, related software, and related equipment training.

Details of the proposed amendments are expected to be announced in 2019 and to become legislated requirements in 2020.

Target audience: B.C. livestock operators (e.g. ranchers, abattoirs, 4-H districts)

Eligible expenses: Livestock tag readers, reader installation, related software and related equipment 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 purchase) and provide confirmation from either tag reader or software supplier that the two are compatible.

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

Terms and conditions: Applicant must be registered in the B.C. Premises Identification program (BCPID). Registration can happen simultaneously.

Eligible timeframe: Purchases must be made between November 2018 and February 28, 2020.

Funding availability: First-come, first-served until February 28, 2020.

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 paid invoices and/or receipts 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.

Link to more program information and application form:

www.bctraceability.ca

www.gov.bc.ca/agrifoodtraceability

Link to registering for BCPID:

www.gov.bc.ca/premisesidprogram