

Step 1: Application

Safe Handling of Cattle Program & Elite Sire Program



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Program Steps

1. Complete this application to include any amounts you are considering purchasing, within the specific timeframes, for each program. **No amendments to this application will be accepted after October 11, 2016.**
2. After the applications have been processed you will receive a letter stating the maximum amount you are approved for. **No producer will receive more than the \$4,000.00 as a combined program maximum.**
3. Once the equipment/sire is purchased you will have to complete the Claim form that will be included with your approval letter. Submit your Claim form, along with any and all required documents, at any time after receiving the approval letter. No claim form is necessary for bulls on test. **Final deadline to have Claim submitted is Feb 28, 2017.**
4. A payment will be mailed out within two weeks of NSCP receiving and validating your claim form along with your receipts and documents.

Producer Information

Applicant Name: _____

Farm Name: _____

Farm Registration Number: _____

NSCP Number: _____ # of Breeding Cows _____
 Feeding Capacity _____

Civic Address _____

Mailing Address: _____
 (if different) _____

Email: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

To be eligible for either program the applicant must:

1. Hold a valid farm registration issued pursuant to the Farm Registration Act at the time of application.
2. Be a Nova Scotia based cattle producer, partnership or corporation that has a breeding herd of no less than five cows. This requirement may be waived for producers, partnerships or corporations registered for less than five years pursuant to the Farm Registration Act.
3. Be a current NSCP member at the time of application.
4. Be up to date with levy remittance at the time of application.
5. Agree to abide by the current Safe Handling of Cattle Program and/or Elite Sire Program Guidelines.

Safe Handling of Cattle Program

	Estimated Cost (HST not covered)				Requested Funds
Neck Extending Headgate	\$ _____	x	40%	=	\$ _____
Locking Headgate (max 20 units) including 2 panel gates to cap ends	\$ _____	x	40%	=	\$ _____
Crowding Tub	\$ _____	x	40%	=	\$ _____
Cattle Squeeze Chute	\$ _____	x	40%	=	\$ _____
Handling System Alleyways	\$ _____	x	40%	=	\$ _____
Scale & Scale Head OR Load Bars & Scale Head	\$ _____	x	40%	=	\$ _____

Key Points of the Safe Handling of Cattle Program:

- Headgate must include a Neck Extender. Claims for Headgates without the Neck Extender will not be paid. If you already own a Headgate and would like to just purchase a Neck Extender this will be considered for payment.
- Locking headgates will be limited to a 20 unit maximum and will only be considered for payment along with the purchase of 2 panel gates to cap off either end of the locking headgate system.
- If a commercial Crowding Tub does not fit your current farm set-up you can apply to have this program cover the gates you purchase to create your own. Only gates will be considered for payment. Costs for brackets, posts, lumber, etc. will not be approved. In addition to purchase receipts required to approve payment, a diagram of your intended tub set-up will be required to be submitted either with your application or claim form.
- Equipment must be new. Used equipment will not be covered.
- Equipment must have been purchased after April 1, 2016.

Elite Sire Program

Sire Purchases

Number of Elite Sires you plan to purchase _____

Up to 30% of the purchase cost to a max. of \$700/animal (maximum of \$1000/animal with premiums listed below)

Premiums (on Test Station Bulls Only):

- \$100.00 for Test Station bulls having a breed Average Daily Gain (ADG) on-feed index of 100 or better (minimum of five bulls in a contemporary group of same breed on test)
- \$100.00 for Test Station bulls with a minimum of at least three breed average or above Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) on production or carcass merit traits or combination of either
- \$100.00 for Test Station bulls with negative residual feed intake (RFI)

Key Points of Elite Sire Program:

- **Sire Purchase**
 - Each approved applicant farm is eligible for one bull per 30 breeding females (or less).
 - Purchase date for bulls cannot be prior to April 1, 2016.
 - Breeding bulls will only be considered with a minimum of three production and/or carcass Estimated Progeny Difference (EPD) traits that meet or exceed the breed average.
 - Qualifying bulls must be kept for a minimum of one year unless culled for disease or productivity reasons.

Bulls on Test

Bulls on test at a test station between June 1, 2016 – Feb 28, 2017 (**maximum of \$200.00 per bull**) _____

Note: A test station will be defined as any test performed at a testing facility who accepts bulls outside of their own supply and performs average daily gain and semen evaluations

Bulls on test at a home test between June 1, 2016 – Feb 28, 2017 (**maximum of \$150.00 per bull**) _____

Note: A home test will be defined as any test done on a farm, which accepts bulls from other herds, to measure daily weight gain that is performed on a minimum of five (5) bulls.
On test and off test weight will need to be submitted by the claim deadline in order to receive payment.

Intended Testing Facility: _____

• Bulls sent to a test station

- Approved payments for bulls on test will be forwarded directly to the testing facility once NSCP has confirmed the bulls are on test – no claim form will be necessary. Any overpayments to the applicant's account will be refunded to the applicant farm by the test station after your account has been settled.
- Only bulls sent to a test station after June 1, 2016 will be considered.
- Bulls must have a minimum on-test weight of 550 lbs for British breeds and 600 lbs for Continental breeds.

Maximum funding paid will be \$4,000.00 total between both programs.

Certification and Submission

By submitting this application form, I

- certify, to the best of my knowledge and ability, that the information provided on this form and in future in connection with this application is complete, true and correct;
- understand and agree to the program guidelines and, if the application is approved in whole or in part, agree to abide by the terms and conditions as set out in the program guidelines;
- consent to the audit and verification of the information provided on this form and in future in connection with this application, such audit and verification to be performed by the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers, Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture or other parties, including livestock inspection agencies, chosen by the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers for audit and verification purposes;
- consent to the use and disclosure of the information provided on this form and in future in connection with this application by officials of the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers and Department of Agriculture and officials of any other farm program offered by a federal or provincial government or agency to other government departments and agencies and cooperating funding partners, where the information is relevant for the purposes of audit, analysis, evaluation, program development and determining assistance;
- consent to the release of my name and the amount of support received under the program as public information to be actively disseminated by the Department of Agriculture
- grant permission to the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers to contact any of my suppliers to confirm the information I have provided;
- consent to the disclosure by third parties, including federal and provincial government programs and financial institutions, to the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers of any information that is relevant to the audit and verification of information provided in connection with this application;
- agree to repay any overpayment amount received as a Producer Payment if adjustment or audit shows the amount received exceeds the government contributions to which I am entitled under the terms of the Program Payment;
- acknowledge that any other information provided, unless disclosed in the manner and for the purposes to which I have consented above, will be subject to the confidentiality and disclosure provisions to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Act*; and
- confirm that I have the authority to bind the applicant.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Send by mail to: Nova Scotia Cattle Producers, 60 Research Drive, Bible Hill, NS, B6L 2R2

OR Send directly to Kara Saville at the NSCP Office Fax: 902-893-7063; Email: ksaville@agricommodity.ca

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 11, 2016.