



Financial support available for cattle producers affected by bovine TB

Bovine tuberculosis (TB) was detected in a cow that originated in southern Alberta. For producers affected by the CFIA investigation and quarantines, there is an existing suite of financial programs that may provide support.

For more information about any of the program options below, visit Agriculture Financial Services Corporation's (AFSC's) Medicine Hat or Brooks branch offices, or call the AFSC Client Contact Centre at 1-877-899-2372.

The Advance Payment Program

The Advance Payment Program (APP) helps producers with cash flow by enabling the ability to receive a loan of up to 50 per cent of the market value for each animal. The first \$100,000 issued through the APP is interest-free. After receiving the advance payment, affected producers will have up to 24 months to repay the full loan. To be eligible for the APP, producers must be enrolled in either the Western Livestock Price Insurance Program (WLPPI), AgriStability, or AgriInsurance. CFIA quarantines will not affect program eligibility.

- For more information about the APP, visit AFSC.ca
- To view the APP rates, visit feederassoc.com > [Western Cash Advance Program Inc.](#)

The Feeder Associations Loan Guarantee Program

The Feeder Association Loan Guarantee Program is administered by the Feeder Associations of Alberta Limited. It provides loans to producers who are members of the Feeder Association of Alberta Limited. CFIA quarantines will not affect program eligibility.

- For full program details, visit feederassoc.com > [Feeder Loan Guarantee Program](#)

AgriStability Interim Payments

Through AgriStability, producers can apply for an interim payment before the final program year information is available. An interim payment is an advance on your final 2016 AgriStability benefit, which is based on an estimate of your program year and reference margins.

To apply for a 2016 interim payment, you need to:

- have already enrolled in AgriStability for the 2016 program year, and
- have paid your fee by the deadline shown on your enrolment notice.

Compensation for animals ordered destroyed

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) may compensate owners for animals and things ordered destroyed during disease-response situations. Compensation is based on market value, up to the maximum amounts established by the regulations, less any carcass value paid by an abattoir.

- For more details on the compensation process, please see [Animal Health Compensation: What to expect when an animal is ordered destroyed](#) on the CFIA website.

AgriRecovery

After a natural disaster, AgriRecovery helps producers recover extraordinary costs beyond what is available through other financial assistance programs. The Alberta government has begun the longer-term analysis of whether future AgriRecovery assistance may be available to producers affected by bovine TB.

Flexible options for your AFSC loans

Depending on your circumstance, AFSC may be able to provide customized options for your AFSC loan payments. Please contact your local AFSC branch office or the Client Contact Centre to learn what may be available to you.

Contact information

For information on any of the programs listed here, including AgriStability interim payments and loan payment options, contact AFSC:

AFSC Client Contact Centre: 1.877.899.2372

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