

WILDLIFE DAMAGE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

This program compensates New Brunswick agricultural producers who suffer crop or livestock losses due to wildlife.

The New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission (NBAIC) administers this program but affected producers do not have to be an Agricultural Insurance client to receive compensation through the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program. Producers can receive up to 80% compensation without any cost or premium to participate. For producers insured with the NBAIC, the production that was lost due to wildlife damage is included as production in their individual yield (PTC) calculation, which prevents their insurance coverage from declining due to wildlife damage.

Eligibility

Producers must notify the NBAIC within 72 hours of discovering the loss or damage. The cause or probable cause of loss or death must be confirmed by the NBAIC.

Producers must take all reasonable efforts to control and limit wildlife damage from occurring. This may include, but is not limited to, the use of scare devices, fencing, netting or other best management practices to control or prevent wildlife damage. Wildlife losses due to poor management or neglect are not covered.



Example

25 acres of grain corn damaged by black bears in the fall.

Inspection determines that 10% of the crop was damaged in the affected area.

Calculated compensation:

25 acres x 10% damage = 2.5 acres damaged.

2.5 acres x 2.7 tonnes/acre (provincial average) = 6.75 tonnes of loss

6.75 tonnes x \$295/tonne x 80% = \$1593

This program is cost shared by the Government of Canada (60%) and by the Province of New Brunswick (40%).

This information sheet contains general information only. In all cases, the provisions of the Wildlife Damage Compensation Policy shall prevail.



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Eligibility continued:

For crop compensation the producer must incur a loss of at least \$500.00. Damaged areas should be at least 1/4 acre or larger in size.

For livestock compensation the producer may claim for the loss or injury of one or more animals.

Damaged crops must not be harvested prior to inspection by DAAF Staff.

All losses are based on field appraisals done by DAAF. Claims are calculated using provincial average yields and unit prices that are established annually by the NBAIC.

Producers should check their fields to identify the damage areas and will be expected to take the inspector to the damaged fields when they complete the damage assessment.

All or part of a compensation payment may be made in the form of materials to help prevent similar damage in the future.

Recurring claims for the same damage may be restricted unless permanent prevention measures are implemented.

CROP DAMAGE

Compensation may be paid for damage that is caused by eligible wildlife (ex. bear, deer, raccoon, geese) as defined in the *Fish and Wildlife Act*, to the following eligible agricultural products (crops) based on the values listed below. *

apples	\$0.65/lb
apple trees	\$15.00-\$25.00/tree
strawberries	\$3.60/qt
wild blueberries	\$0.50/lb
cranberries	\$0.26/lb
raspberries	\$3.00/pt
grapes	\$2.25/kg
potatoes	\$18.00/cwt
seed potatoes	\$25.00/cwt
barley	\$245/tonne
oat	\$255/tonne
wheat	\$255/tonne
mixed grain	\$235/tonne
field corn	\$295/tonne
field peas	\$330/tonne
soybean	\$465/tonne
canola	\$565/tonne
processing carrots	contract price
broccoli	\$3,000/acre
beans (green & wax)	\$2,000/acre
brussels sprouts	\$2,700/acre
cauliflower	\$3,000/acre
cabbage	\$3,000/acre
green peas	\$2,000/acre
fresh carrots	\$2,700/acre
onions	\$3,000/acre
parsnips	\$2,700/acre
rutabagas	\$2,000/acre
winter squash	\$2,700/acre
pumpkins	\$2,700/acre
sweet corn	\$5.40/doz

*Payments are limited to 80% of the values set by the NBAIC.

LIVESTOCK DAMAGE

Compensation may be paid for damage to the following livestock based on the values listed below. *

dairy cows	\$1400
dairy calves	\$ 550
dairy bulls	\$1500
dairy steers	\$1000
beef cows	\$1500
beef calves (0-2 months)	\$ 600
beef calves (3-6 months)	\$1200
beef bulls	\$2600
beef feeders (steers and heifers)	\$2100
sheep ewes	\$ 250
sheep lambs	\$ 250
sheep rams	\$ 250
goat does	\$ 250
goat kids	\$ 250
goat bucks	\$ 250
bee hives & contents (value of actual loss up to)	\$ 675
bumble bee quads	\$ 375
leaf cutter bees	\$ 100/box
honey	\$ 3.30/lb

Livestock damage must be caused by one of the following species of wildlife to be eligible for compensation:

Black bear	Coyote
Bobcat or lynx	Raven or crow
Cougar	Birds of prey
Fox	Wolf
Skunk (hives, bumble bees, and leafcutter bees)	

Damage caused by domestic dogs is not eligible for compensation.

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