

## Canada Nova Scotia BSE Recovery Program

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### Purpose:

This program is designed to provide short term assistance to producers that have experienced a drop in slaughter livestock market prices with the closure of the US border to Canadian meat products as of May 20, 2003.

### Objectives

- To provide short term assistance to producers that have experienced a drop in slaughter livestock prices.
- To encourage market stability.

### Eligibility

- Open to all livestock producers registered under the Nova Scotia Farm Registration Act.
- Assistance is available based on livestock owned prior to May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003 and have since been sold for slaughter directly in Canada.
- Eligible Livestock must be slaughtered in Canada within 14 days of the sale date.
- Eligible Livestock
  - Slaughter fed steers and heifers under 30 months of age
  - Slaughter cows and bulls
  - Red (Grain-Fed) Veal Calves
  - White (Milk-Fed) Veal Calves
  - Slaughter Weight Lambs
  - Cull Ewes & Rams
  - Deer
  - Bison

### Program Duration:

The termination Date, as outlined in the proposed Federal-Provincial Agreement (the Agreement) is as follows: " The program shall terminate at the end of the day on which the export prohibition ceases to apply in respect of either live qualified livestock or muscle cuts of beef from qualified livestock, whichever occurs first. Not withstanding any other provisions of the Agreement, the Program shall terminate on the day on which all of the Federal Government's contributions to the program reach \$276 million nationally".

### Financial Assistance:

- Payments will be calculated by multiplying the total live weight sold by an adjusted Market Loss based on the US cash spot market and Canadian exchange rate. An eastern reference price will be calculated weekly.

- The adjusted market loss differential will be based on a sliding scale designed to protect producer equity and encourage market activity.
- Producer payment calculations will be based on average market prices not individual livestock sales.
- Livestock payments will be broken down into the eligible livestock categories listed in this document

### Application Process/ Documentation Required

- Number of applications and budget limitations may necessitate early program closure.
- Applications must be made by Eligible Applicants as listed above.
- Applicants are required to submit:
  - A completed Application Form and Sales Information Details.
  - If slaughter livestock are sold on a live basis, proof of slaughter will be required through a signed Certification Form (Appendix A - for on farm sales & Appendix B - available through the Auction Market).
  - If using Appendix A, a copy of the kill sheet from the processing plant is also required.
  - Sales information (# of head, wt's) and corresponding sales receipts. Date of sale, date of slaughter.
- Sales receipts submitted must be for sale dates occurring between May 20, 2003 and the Termination of the Program.
- Applications must be postmarked or faxed before midnight on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the Termination of the Program.

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