

Sheep Electronic Identification Incentive Program

Program Conditions

1.0 Purpose:

The Sheep Electronic Identification Incentive Program (the "Program") is intended to encourage the Alberta sheep industry to transition to the use of radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tags for the identification of lambs. Improved animal identification provides a practical means to enhance the integrity of Alberta's traceability system for animal health, public health and food safety purposes.

The Program is based on a reimbursement for producers who have purchased RFID ear tags and tagged their lambs born between December 1, 2010 and November 30, 2012, with the RFID ear tags.

2.0 Definitions:

2.1 In these Program Conditions, the following terms have the following meanings:

ARD: means Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development;

CCWG: means the Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers Limited;

Eligible Applicant: means a person who meets the eligibility criteria in s. 3.1;

Eligible Lamb: means a lamb that meets the eligibility criteria in s. 3.3;

Eligible Tag: means a unique sheep identifier that meets the eligibility criteria in s. 3.2;

Farm of Origin: means either the Premises Identification Number or legal land description where the lamb was born;

Lambing Period: means the period of time beginning on the day, month and year of the birth of the first lamb born and ending on the day, month and year of the birth of the last lamb born as part of a flock or as part of a group within a flock;

On Farm Record: means the on farm birth record for an Eligible Lamb that meet the criteria under s. 3.4;

Minister: means the Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and his authorized representative(s);

Premises Identification Number: means the premises identification number as defined in the *Premises Identification Regulation* (AR 200/2009);

Program Conditions: means the terms and conditions of the Program set out in this document, as may be amended from time to time;

Program End Date: means November 30, 2012 or such date as determined by the Minister;

Program Period: means the period of time on or after December 1, 2010 up to and including the Program End Date;

Provincial Crown: means Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta and includes Agriculture Financial Services Corporation.

2.2 In these Program Conditions words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular.

3.0 Eligibility:

3.1 To be eligible to apply to the Program, an applicant must:

- (a) be an individual, corporation, registered partnership, Metis settlement, or Hutterite colony;
- (b) be liable to pay Alberta income tax or corporate tax;
- (c) have created and be the holder of the On Farm Records for each Eligible Lamb;
- (d) have identified all Eligible Lambs with Eligible Tags;
- (e) have purchased Eligible Tags;

3.2 To be eligible under the Program, a tag must:

- (a) be an RFID ear tag for sheep that is a Canadian Sheep Identification Program approved tag and distributed by CCWG; and
- (b) be purchased by an Eligible Applicant on or after November 1, 2010 and on or before the Program End Date;

3.3 To be eligible under the Program, an animal must:

- (a) be a lamb born in Alberta during the Program Period;
- (b) have been tagged at the Farm of Origin with an Eligible Tag;

3.4 To be eligible under the Program, an On Farm Record must be created by the Eligible Applicant on or before the submission of the application and include the following:

- (a) the start and end dates of each Lambing Period;
- (b) the series of Eligible Tag numbers applied to Eligible Lambs born within each Lambing Period;
- (c) the number of ewes lambed within each Lambing Period;
- (d) the number of lambs born within each Lambing Period;
- (e) each lamb's Farm of Origin.

4.0 Applications:

- 4.1 Applicants are required to submit a completed application form, along with proof of purchase of an Eligible Tag. The Minister requires, at minimum, sales receipts from the CCWG that include a list or series of tags purchased.
- 4.2 An application form signed by the applicant constitutes an application for a grant for the purposes of the *Agriculture and Rural Development Grant Regulation (Alberta)*.
- 4.3 Applications must be signed by the applicant or by an authorized person who is at least 18 years of age.
- 4.4 All applications must be received by the Minister or post marked on or before March 31, 2013.

5.0 Reimbursement:

- 5.1 An Applicant may qualify to receive a payment for each Eligible Tag. The payment per Eligible Tag shall be equal to the price paid by the Eligible Applicant for the Eligible Tag, or \$3.00, whichever is lower.

6.0 Reimbursement Limitations:

- 6.1 An Eligible Applicant cannot assign or defer any payment under the Program.
- 6.2 The Minister may issue an AGR-1 in the name of the Eligible Applicant.
- 6.3 Payment for the number of Eligible Tags shall not exceed the Eligible Applicant's number of Eligible Lambs.
- 6.4 Payment for the number of Eligible Tags shall not include:
 - (a) GST paid by the applicant for the purchase of the Eligible Tags;
 - (b) Service charge or check-off associated with the purchase of the Eligible Tags charged by the Alberta Lamb Producers;
- 6.5 An applicant may not claim for reimbursement of price for an Eligible Tag more than once.
- 6.6 The Minister has the absolute discretion to determine any payments due to or from an Eligible Applicant under this Program. The decision of the Minister is final.
- 6.7 ARD may deduct from the Eligible Applicant's payment any amount owing to the Provincial Crown.

7.0 Ongoing Obligations

- 7.1 An Eligible Applicant who has received payment must ensure that all On Farm Records are retained for a period of 10 years.

8.0 Audits and verification:

- 8.1 In this section, "ARD" includes any agent appointed by ARD to assist with audit and verification under the Program. By accepting the Program payment, the Eligible Applicant:
 - (a) agrees to provide additional information and records as ARD may require to verify the Eligible Applicant's eligibility for payment from the Program;
 - (b) authorizes ARD to obtain information related to this specific application from (and release information to) any government department, agency, or other body to verify the Eligible Applicant's eligibility for payment. The Eligible Applicant expressly authorizes ARD to obtain information from CCWG and the Alberta Lamb Producers;
 - (c) agrees to give ARD access to examine their farming or business operation for the sole purpose of verifying submitted information. The Eligible Applicant agrees to make available to ARD all farm records, books of account, and income tax returns necessary to verify their eligibility under this Program. If the Eligible Applicant fails to provide records within a reasonable time on reasonable notice, as determined by ARD, the Eligible Applicant may be required to refund any payments received under the Program, as well as forfeit any future payments under the Program.

9.0 Program Changes:

- 9.1 The Minister may change the Program from time to time or may terminate the Program without notice. Changes to the Program Conditions are binding on applicants once they are posted on the ARD website (www.agric.gov.ab.ca). An application received after the Program Conditions are revised will be administered according to the conditions as of the date the application is received.

10.0 Refunds:

- 10.1 An eligible Applicant shall refund to the Minister of Finance any payment received under the reimbursement component of the Program not in accordance with the Program Conditions within 30 days of notice being provided to the Eligible Applicant by ARD. Failure to make repayment as required creates a debt owing to the Provincial Crown that can be set off against any money that the Provincial Crown owes to the Eligible Applicant.

11.0 False or misleading information:

11.1 An applicant who provides false or misleading information under this Program forgoes all rights to benefit from this Program.

12.0 Collection of Information:

12.1 The Applicant acknowledges that the information provided to the Minister regarding this application is subject to both the access and privacy provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Alberta).

13.0 Representations and Warranties

13.1 The applicant represents and warranties that neither the Applicant nor any other person has previously applied under this Program or any other program for a reimbursement of the price for the purchase of Eligible Tags in excess of the applicant's entitlement.

Business Information

Legal Status of Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered Partnership
Legal Name of Applicant (Corporate Legal Name or Legal Partnership)			
Last Name		First Name	
Address			
City/Town		Province	Postal Code
Name of Primary Contact (<input type="checkbox"/> Same as Legal Name)		E-mail Address	
Phone #1 (include area code)	Phone #2 (optional) (include area code)	Fax Number (include area code)	

Social Insurance Number **MUST** be provided for an **Individual**

Business Number (GST) **ONLY** if you are a **Registered Corporation**

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Program Information

A. Lambing Information (ONLY LAMBS born and tagged between December 1, 2010 and November 30, 2012 are eligible)

Start Date of Lambing Period <i>dd/mm/year</i>	End Date of Lambing Period <i>dd/mm/year</i>	Number of Ewes Lambed in this Period	Number of Eligible Lambs*

* Number of lambs born in Alberta and tagged at the farm of origin with a Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP) approved RFID ear tag

B. CSIP-Approved RFID Ear Tag Purchase Information

(only RFID ear tags purchased between November 1, 2010 and November 30, 2012 are eligible for reimbursement)

Purchase Date <i>dd/mm/year</i>	Number of Tags Purchased	Price per Tag <i>(Excluding Check-off Fee & GST)</i>

Attach copies of receipt(s) issued by the Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers Limited and additional sheet if more than 2 tag purchases

Statement of Certification

I, _____ of _____ in the province of Alberta:
 Name (print) City/Town

- the Applicant is an Eligible Applicant;
- the Applicant agrees to the Program Conditions attached to this Application form;
- the Applicant consents to the Minister accessing information with Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited and the Alberta Lamb Producers for purposes of verifying the Applicant's eligibility to receive the reimbursement.

AND I certify that the information given on the Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am authorized by the Applicant to submit this application on its behalf.

Notice of Collection

The information collected on this form will be used to process this Sheep Electronic Identification Incentive Program application. This may include verifying information with other relevant organizations like the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited and the Alberta Lamb Producers, or conducting application or program audits. The information is collected under the authority of and is subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. If you have any questions about the collection or use of your information, please contact the Executive Director, Traceability Division at: 308, 7000 113 St NW, Edmonton AB T6H 5T6; Toll free telephone 310-0000 780-643-1572, fax 780-422-3655.

Signature of Applicant

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**Submit application and receipt(s) to Room 201, 7000-113 St NW, Edmonton AB T6H 5T6 or fax to 780-427-5921
 Call 310-FARM (3276) if you have any questions about the Sheep Electronic Identification Incentive Program
 Application Deadline – March 31, 2013**