Nova Scotia Beef Finishing Equipment Support Program
PROGRAM GUIDELINES 2026

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FUNDING PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

This program will support equipment purchases that can help producers increase the number of beef cattle that are finished in Nova Scotia. Equipment purchases will be linked to improving feed efficiency and managing the cost of production. Through purchases that support these objectives, producers will increase their capacity to manage the financial impacts created by rising production costs and climate change.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be 19 years of age or older, and

- Be currently registered under the Farm Registration Act, and
    - » be a member in good standing with the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers,
    - » be raising a minimum of 20 finishing cattle
    - » be a verified participant in Perennia's Feed Pilot Program
- Complete the application form and provide associated equipment quotes
- Provide a brief description of how the proposed equipment purchases will improve the efficiency of the applicant's finishing operation and/or increase the number of cattle being finished.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must demonstrate local processing of finished cattle by providing receipts from a provincially inspected abattoir or Atlantic Beef Products.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Funding: Up to 50 per cent funding for eligible costs, capped at the applicant's maximum funding category.

Annual Finished Cattle Marketed	Maximum Available Program Funding
20 – 50 head	$15,000
51 – 100 head	$ 20,000
Greater than 100 head	$ 30,000

Funding for the program is limited and the final decision on support will be determined by the Program Review Committee.

Eligible Costs Specific to Producer Equipment Support:

- Livestock handling equipment, scales and tag readers
- Equipment to improve feeding efficiency and quality, including feed mixers and feed bunks
- Installation costs related to equipment purchases

Ineligible Costs:

- Any equipment that is not outlined above
- Silos, silo tarps, bale wrap and other consumables
- Regular operational costs and in-kind labour
- Used equipment that does not meet regulatory standards

APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligible applicants are invited to apply for the Nova Scotia Beef Finishing Equipment Support Program by completing the application form available at **https://www.perennia.ca/the-nova-scotia-beef-initiative/**

Submit a complete application form and the following supporting documents between February 5 and April 30, 2026.

- Provide quotes for eligible purchases
- Provide proof of farm registration in Nova Scotia
- Provide proof of finished cattle sold for 2023, 2024, 2025

Note: Late applications will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Application Intake: February 5/2026 – April 30/2026

Activity Period: April 1/2025 – November 30/2026

Claim Deadline: December 1/2026

If you are not able to access the on-line application form please request a paper copy by calling 902-678-7722 and speak with or leave a message for Kelly.

It is anticipated that funds awarded under this program will be considered farm income and therefore AGR-1's will be issued for the year the claim payment is made.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

1. Applications are assessed based on the information and supporting documentation provided (an application submitted without supporting documents is considered incomplete). If an application requires further assessment or information, Perennia staff will follow up with the applicant.

2. If approved, applicants will receive a Letter of Agreement (LOA) which identifies the eligible project activities, assistance offered, and the terms and conditions under which assistance is approved.

3. Review, sign and return the LOA to Perennia within 30 days of the date of the letter or your funding will be forfeited.

APPROVAL PROCESS

1. After Perennia receives your signed Letter of Agreement, a Program Claim Form will be sent to you.

2. Complete and sign the Program Claim Form. Claim deadline is noted in table above.

3. Attach copies of all invoices for eligible project costs incurred and paid for by the applicant.

4. Attach proof of payment for each invoice – e-transfer confirmation, debit slips, cleared cheques, or credit card/ bank statements (invoices marked paid and signed by the supplier are not accepted).

5. Provide supporting documentation to the Perennia office with your claim.

Note 2: No payment will be made for claims under $20.00.

AUTHORITY

Perennia shall have the authority to deny an application if there is evidence of misrepresentation of pertinent information or if Perennia feels that the application does not show adequate evidence that it will support the program objectives.

EVALUATION AND AUDIT

Review and evaluation of projects may be carried out by Perennia, or other parties chosen by Perennia for the purpose of audit, analysis, evaluation, program development and determining financial assistance. This review and evaluation process may be conducted prior to project commencement, during work or upon project completion. Applicants may be asked to complete an evaluation survey related to their final claim.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Applicants consent to the release of their name and the amount of support received under the program. This specific information is deemed to be public information, to be actively disseminated by Perennia. Perennia may provide any information from an applicant to another public body or a law-enforcement agency in Canada to assist in an investigation, undertaken with a view to a law-enforcement proceeding or from which a law-enforcement proceeding is likely to result. Any other information provided, unless disclosed in the manner and for the purposes stated above, will be subject to the confidentiality and disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please submit any questions by email to **beefprograms@perennia.ca**