

Beef Finishing Equipment Support Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1) The program guidelines say that to be eligible for the program I must be a verified participant in the Feed Pilot Program. What is it and how do I sign up?

The Feedlot Pilot Program encourages producers to finish a portion of their cattle here to increase the amount of locally produced, high-quality beef available to Nova Scotia consumers. Pilot participants will be actively engaged in effective feedlot management and will have the chance to reach new audiences and consumers with their products.

If you meet the other eligibility requirements you are encouraged to submit an application and Perennia will forward you a sign-up sheet for the pilot program. Perennia's beef and sheep specialist will reach out to you about the program.

2) The guidelines indicate that I must be raising a minimum of 20 finishing cattle and prove how many finished cattle I sold in 2023, 2024, 2025. What if I had a low year and didn't sell 20 last year? What do you want for proof of finished cattle sold?

Perennia has asked for three years of proof of cattle sold so the review committee can make a decision that takes into account a variety of situations such as an off year, a new farm that may not have three years of sales yet, etc. If you've been selling close to 20, or have two years of sales over 20, then you should consider applying. Proof of cattle sold will need to be proof of being paid for cattle by a provincially inspected abattoir in NS or by Atlantic Beef Products.

3) Can I get funding for building a barn or expanding a barn or maybe a grain bin?

No, this program will not fund infrastructure.

4) Can I get funding for a cattle trailer or a round baler?

No, these items will not be funded under the program.

5) What could I be funded for?

Funding is available for livestock handling equipment, scales and tag reader, equipment to improve feeding efficiency and quality, including feed mixers and feed bunks, and installation costs related to eligible equipment. Other items related to livestock handling and feeding efficiency will be determined on a case by case basis.