

INSURANCE

Wildlife Damage Compensation Program for Crop Damage

Purpose

- This program compensates Manitoba agricultural producers for damage caused by migratory waterfowl and big game.

Eligibility

- Producers do not have to participate in the AgrilInsurance program to be eligible.
- This program covers damage caused by deer, elk, moose, bear, wood bison, ducks, geese or sandhill cranes.
- The producer must contact their local MASC insurance office within three days of the occurrence of the loss.
- Eligible crops include:

wheat	oats	barley
flax	rye	rapeseed
canola	mixed grain	buckwheat
triticale	mustard	field peas
corn	sunflowers	lentils
canaryseed	fababeans	greenfeed
hemp grain	tame millet	red clover
timothy	sweet clover	alfalfa
tame grasses	alfalfa-grass	legumes
soybeans	potatoes	dry edible beans
lettuce	parsnips	cooking onions
carrots	rutabagas	other vegetables
strawberries	extended grazing forage	

- Baled hay must be gathered from the field and placed in an eligible storage site, unless the bales are intentionally left for winter grazing. If bales cannot be gathered due to wet field conditions, they remain eligible for wildlife damage compensation.
- Eligible honey products include beehives and related equipment, honeybees, brood and honey.
- Eligible leafcutter products include leafcutter bee field shelters and their contents (nesting materials, equipment, eggs and larvae). Shelters and related equipment must be in active service.
- Crops intended or used as a lure crop or intercept feeding are not eligible.
- Wildlife losses due to poor management or neglect are not covered.

Coverage

- The amount of production loss is adjusted for quality based on a field sample.
- Wildlife compensation is limited to 90% of the value of loss, other than for extended grazing forages.
- Compensation for extended grazing forages is limited to 45% of the value of loss on swathed or baled crops or forage, and suitable standing annual crops (e.g. corn) that are intended for grazing.
 - producers must have a grazing plan, and use controls (e.g. fences) to control access
 - eligibility ends when livestock have access
 - crop must be suitable for livestock feed

For clarity, compensation is **not** provided for:

- hay left standing after it could have been harvested
 - stockpiling or winter grazing of hay fields
 - pasture
- Compensation is equal to the amount of lost or damaged production, multiplied by the AgrilInsurance dollar value, multiplied by 90% (45% for extended grazing forage).
 - For damage to stored forages, compensation is determined by multiplying the tonnes of destroyed hay by the AgrilInsurance dollar value for that type of hay, multiplied by 90%.
 - If honeybee and leafcutter bee products are destroyed, the compensation is based on actual losses at established prices, multiplied by 90%.
 - For producers insured with MASC, the crop production that was lost due to wildlife damage is included as production in Individual Productivity Index (IPI) calculations, which prevents your insurance coverage from declining due to wildlife damage.

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- Values for all eligible products are based on AgrilInsurance dollar values or values established by MASC in consultation with industry sources.
- This program compensates for wildlife damage done in the field up to harvest, including any reduced value to the production due to wildlife faeces contamination.
- Compensation up to 80% of the loss is funded 60% by the Government of Canada and 40% by the Province of Manitoba.
- Compensation over 80% of the value of the loss is totally funded by the Province of Manitoba.

Claims

- All losses are based on appraisals done by MASC adjustors.
- The producer must take all reasonable efforts to prevent the wildlife damage from occurring and to utilize all prevention programs that may be available.
- Recurring claims for the same damage may be restricted unless permanent prevention measures are implemented.
- Producers will not be paid twice for the same loss, wildlife damage loss paid under this program will not be paid under MASC AgrilInsurance.
- No payment is made if the claim payment is less than \$100.
- There is no maximum payment amount.

For more information contact your local MASC insurance office or visit masc.mb.ca

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