



Growing Forward

Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

Program Eligibility Requirements for Livestock and Poultry Killed or Injured by Wildlife

When the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program was launched in July 2011, two new eligibility requirements for livestock and poultry producers were created in order to be eligible for compensation. These eligibility requirements include having a Premises ID number and a valid Farm Business Registration number.

If you don't have a valid Farm Business Registration and Premises ID number, please apply now for these numbers in order to be eligible for compensation under the updated program.

Applying for a Farm Business Registration (FBR) Number

Having a Farm Business Registration number helps ensure that the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program is targeted for farmers.

If you already have an FBR number, renewal packages are typically mailed to you in January. If you are a new registrant, please contact Agricorp at 1-866-327-3678 or at fbr@agricorp.com.

If you are unable to obtain/renew your FBR number because your gross farm income was less than \$7,000, you may be able to obtain a "Gross Farm Income Exemption Certificate" and remain eligible for the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program if you are able to demonstrate that one of the following income exemptions applies:

- Not a Normal Production Year Exemption
- Age/Illness/Death Exemption
- Start-Up Exemption

For more information about obtaining a Gross Farm Income Exemption Certificate, please contact the Farm Property Class Tax Program at 1-800-469-2285 or at farmtax.omafra@ontario.ca.

Please note, producers with a Religious Exemption approved by the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal, or a confirmation letter from the Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario, will not be required to have an FBR number in order to be eligible for the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.

Applying for a Premises ID (PID) Number

Registering your premises helps Ontario establish a comprehensive and effective premises registry, a critical element of our provincial emergency management capacity. There is no cost associated with registering your premises.

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For instructions of how to obtain a Premises ID number please contact the Agriculture Information Contact Centre at 1-877-424-1300 or email ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca.

To apply, you will need the following information to properly identify one or more parcels of land:

- The most accurate way to identify your land parcel(s) is to provide Assessment Roll Numbers (ARNs) which is the tax assessment roll number provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) for every parcel of land.
- Alternative means to identify your land parcel(s) include providing:
 - GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) coordinates (longitude and latitude)
 - Municipal address(es)
 - Lot, concession, township and county information

Premises ID numbers cannot be assigned unless the land parcel(s) can be validated against official Ontario land registry information. You do not need to own a parcel of land to apply for a Premises ID number. Multiple numbers are not assigned to the same parcel of land even if more than one applicant applies.

When your premises information has been validated you will be assigned one or more unique Premises ID number(s).

Exemptions to the Premises ID number requirement for the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program exist for producers with a confirmation letter provided by the Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario or if a Premises ID number is not available in a particular area, such as agricultural activity on crown land.

Program Inquiries

Program inquiries can be directed to the:

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Additional information on the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program can be found at www.ontario.ca/predation.