



# LIVING WITH WILDLIFE: Predation and Compensation

The Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program provides financial assistance to producers whose livestock, poultry and honey bees have been damaged by wildlife.

The program provides 100 per cent of the value of the loss up to the prescribed maximum compensation values.

## Eligibility

**In order to be eligible for compensation, you must meet certain criteria, including:**

- Have a valid Farm Business Registration number (FBR) or approved documentation issued by the ministry for new/retired farmers that do not qualify for an FBR number, or have a religious exemption approved by the Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal or a confirmation letter provided by the Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario.
- Have a Premises Identification number or a confirmation letter provided by the Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario, unless a Premises Identification number is not available in that particular area.
- Demonstrate to the valuer that reasonable effort has been taken to prevent incidences of wildlife damage to livestock, poultry, beehives, bee colonies or beehive related equipment to be eligible for a claim.
- Fully cooperate in any audits that may be initiated in relation to any compensation the applicant receives under the program.

## How to Apply

You must notify the correct authority within 48 hours of discovering the death or injury. For livestock and poultry outside a municipality or for anything related to bees, contact OMAFRA.

For livestock and poultry within a municipality, contact your local municipal office.

## Appeals

If you do not agree with the valuer's report, you may appeal to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). You must appeal in writing within 20 days of receiving the valuer's report. A cheque or money order for \$25, payable to the "Minister of Finance" must accompany the appeal. The \$25 fee will be refunded to you if the appeal is upheld.

## For more information and fact sheets on what you can do visit

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