

LIVESTOCK PREDATION PREVENTION PROJECT (LPPP)

VETERINARY HERD/FLOCK CONSULTATION RMP



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Animal husbandry is an important component of a predation management strategy. This Risk Mitigation Practice (RMP) involves an on-farm herd/flock assessment and consultation by a local veterinarian. The intent is to discuss management practices related to optimal herd/flock health, which is important to reducing the risk of predation.

Strong Animals Less Vulnerable to Negative Predator and Scavenger Interactions

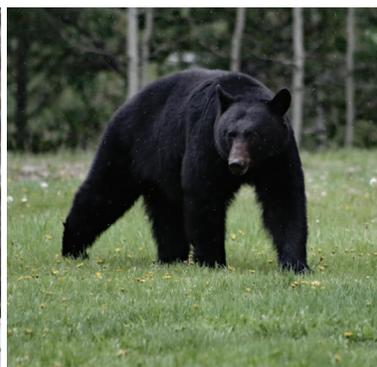
Predators and avian scavengers have keen eyesight, an enhanced sense of smell, and are able to distinguish weak animals from distances unimaginable by human standards. It is important to carefully evaluate livestock before they leave for pastures to check for potential vulnerabilities that may leave them at greater risk of predation or harassment by predators and avian scavengers. Producers can improve herd health success through management practices such as: vaccination/immunization strategies to protect both individual animals and the herd/flock health as a whole; monitoring body condition scores; and the use of protein/ mineral/ vitamin supplementation. In some instances, it will make sense to retain vulnerable animals in a home pasture or to cull. A healthy herd should result in a reduction in attention from predators and scavengers who will look for other sources of food.

Consultation Process:

- Producer will contact a local veterinarian to conduct a herd/flock evaluation/consultation.
- The veterinarian will gather general herd/flock health information.
- They may ask questions about the herd/flock management strategy, including vaccination and treatment procedures and scheduling.
- Once evaluation is completed, recommendations may be made regarding the management program, such as identifying animals which may be treated or managed separately if required.
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Benefits to Producers

- Professional advice to mitigate potential health issues prior to turnout
- Possible recommendations on treatments/conditioning/ culling
- Visit can qualify as a Valid Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) * for 12 months.



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* In Canada, the dispensing or prescribing of a prescription product requires the existence of a Valid Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) between a producer and a veterinarian. In Manitoba this means a veterinarian needs to see their clients and their animals at least once within a 12-month period before veterinary pharmaceuticals can be prescribed or dispensed.

Process

Producers who filled out and returned the 2020 Livestock Predation Prevention Pilot Project survey and have had past livestock losses to predators will be prioritized for the Veterinary Herd/Flock Consultation Risk Mitigation Practice. Participating in this practice will enhance any other selected Risk Mitigation Practice available through this pilot project.

Producers who participate in this RMP will be asked to identify to the project lead prior to the conclusion of the project whether the veterinary consultation was helpful, and if adjustments to herd/flock health management strategies provided some level of predation risk mitigation.

For more information of the Livestock Predator Prevention Project and other Risk Mitigation Practices please visit <https://mbbeef.ca/>



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