

Growing Forward 2 / On-Farm Food Safety (GF2/OFFS) Implementation Funding Information – FAQ's

1. Who is eligible?

- Producers participating in a Verified Beef Production workshop or who have taken the online training course. Producer is defined as: “owner of a beef cattle operation that has earned at least \$2500 in cattle sales the last tax year.”

Please note, if you have previously received maximum funding through the federal On-Farm Implementation fund (OFI) or the Growing Forward 1/On-Farm Food Safety (GF1/OFFS) Implementation funding, you are not eligible to also receive funding through GF2/OFFS.

2. What funding is available?

- Partial funding for approved equipment at 50% of the cost up to \$750 per producer.

3. What equipment is eligible?

- The following equipment **purchased new** after **January 20, 2013**: Individual animal weigh scale components, software for record-keeping, chutes/headgates with neck extenders/restraints or add-ons, digital electronic thermometers, small scale for weighing medication, container for used med bottles. *Please see list of approved manufacturers and eligible equipment to date. Used equipment is NOT eligible.*

4. How do I apply?

- Once you have purchased equipment and attended a VBP workshop or completed the online training course, submit a copy of your invoice along with an application form to your Provincial Coordinator. Application forms are available at the workshop, on-line at our website, or from the VBP office.

5. Can more than one person apply for funding on the same piece of equipment?

- No, only one producer can claim on a single piece of equipment. Multiple producers from the same operation must have some separate cattle sales in the previous tax year in order to both claim up to \$750 – and they would have to purchase and claim on separate pieces of equipment.

6. Is there a deadline?

- The GF2/OFFS Implementation Program is currently available until March 31st, 2015; at which time it is up for renewal every year until 2018.

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