


Beneficial Management Practices Program 2026/27

Appendix: Biodiversity

Applicants are responsible for reviewing and understanding the Beneficial Management Practices Program (BMP) criteria before submitting their application. For complete program details, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/.

This appendix to the BMP 2026/27 Program Guide outlines the activities for the Biodiversity category of the program.

Activity Type	Cost-Shared Ratio	Maximum Funding	Project Length
Biodiversity Activities	50%	Up to \$25,000	140 days from Project Approval or by January 31, 2027, whichever is first.


A portion of BMP Program funding is provided by CleanBC and is reserved for Biodiversity activities that demonstrate a significant and measurable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions or an increase in carbon sequestration. These eligible activities (or practice codes) are marked with a  symbol. If funding is limited, projects eligible for CleanBC funding may be prioritized over projects that are not.




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Biodiversity Activities: Practice Code Details

For some activities, a plan, technical assessment or engineered design is required. You can independently attain the required plan/assessment/design or check for funding opportunities via BMP: Planning, Technical Assessments and Engineered Designs (P&D) category. The prerequisite must be completed prior to applying for the activity below. To learn more about the requirements for professionals to complete a plan/assessment/design and/or to find a qualified professional, visit www.iafbc.ca/bmp/qualified-professionals/.

Practice Code	Activity	Description and details
0801.2	Improved on-farm pesticide storage	<p>Improving pesticide storage structures.</p> <p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of new pesticide storage structure • Adding concrete, non-permeable floor, sill, or curb to contain spills • Adding solid metal shelves to restrict the absorption of spilled pesticides • Improving lighting <p>Ineligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locks, vents, and signage (legally required)
2204	Habitat structures and enhancement	<p>Supporting the purchase, construction and installation of species-specific habitat structures and enhancements to natural habitat for wildlife and species at risk. These include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bat houses and/or bat roosts • Specialized nest boxes for birds (e.g. barn owl, barn swallow, prothonotary warbler) • Winter bird roosts • Turtle sunning platforms • Snake hibernacula (overwintering sites) • Turtle nesting sites • Protective structures (i.e. cattle guards) to prevent nest relocation
2206	Protection of wildlife – flushing bars	<p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flushing bars on haying/silage-cutting equipment to reduce wildlife mortality <p>Ineligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment or components directly related to cutting or harvesting of forage
2207 	Creating pollinator habitat	<p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollinator strips or other perennial cover for pollinator habitat

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollinator nesting sites to support pollinators and plant species at risk • Pollinator habitat for other biodiversity purposes in fields • Field margins of existing cropland (area planted with high value plants that pollinators like) <p>Required documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP: P&D activity code 2801) <p>Ineligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going maintenance • Costs associated with acquiring/planting invasive plant species • Payments associated with opportunity costs for land taken out of production • Landscape quality or landscaping-type plantings • Commercial fruit trees, Christmas trees, ornamentals, afforestation, woodlot establishment and reforestation.
2209	Stackyard fencing	<p>Project must follow the BC Agricultural Fencing Handbook regulations for project design and implementation.</p> <p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stackyard fencing to protect harvested feeds, forage and silage stored by farmers and ranchers from wildlife • Permanent fencing inclusive of all costs, including in-kind labour • Portable electric fencing, set-ups, including solar battery chargers, battery and initial line and post purchases • Monitoring and management equipment <p>Ineligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perimeter fencing • Pasture seeding and establishment costs • Pasture renovation • Repair and maintenance of existing riparian erosion control or riparian pasture management systems and equipment (e.g., can't be used to repair existing fence)
1601.1	Improved pest management equipment - alterations to sprayers & mechanical pest controls	<p>Alteration to pesticide application equipment, including alteration of closed transfer systems for pesticides. Application must describe how the altered equipment provides an improved or incremental benefit.</p> <p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alterations to sprayers • Alterations to non-sprayer type pest management equipment such as a flamer and mechanical weed controls • Alteration of closed transfer systems for pesticides <p>Ineligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects meant to control non-wildlife pest species that are commonly found on farms and ranches in BC
1601.2	Improved pest management equipment - new	<p>Purchase of new pesticide application equipment, including installation of closed transfer systems for pesticides. Application must describe how the new equipment provides an improved or incremental benefit.</p> <p>Eligible costs:</p>

	chemical sprayers & mechanical pest controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New sprayers • Purchase of alternative, non-sprayer type pest management equipment such as flammers and mechanical weed controls • Installation of closed transfer systems for pesticides <p>Ineligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects meant to control non-wildlife pest species that are commonly found on farms and ranches in BC
1601.3	Improved pest management equipment - rotary or flail mowers	<p>Purchase of mowing equipment to reduce pesticide use. Application must describe how the new equipment provides an improved or incremental benefit.</p> <p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotary or flail mowers, in row mowers and tillers that have side discharge or swinging arms that are designed to reduce pesticide use and target grass clipping management <p>Ineligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects meant to control non-wildlife pest species that are commonly found on farms and ranches in BC
1602	Pest information collection and monitoring	<p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment and materials such as prediction, trapping devices, sampling equipment (i.e. pheromone traps and digital tools) and remote sensors (i.e. multispectral cameras and chlorophyll meters specific to pest monitoring) <p>Ineligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor services for pest information collection and monitoring, and standard pest monitoring / collecting equipment common and well understood to the industry (i.e. sweep nets and magnifiers) • Equipment to mount remote sensors, such as unmanned aircraft systems (i.e. drones)
1901 	Establishment of shelterbelts or tree buffers	<p>The desired outcome of the shelterbelt or buffer establishment must be identified in the plan and reflected in the proposed design and species mix.</p> <p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree materials only for planting around fields and buildings • Staking to support young trees from winter damage • Buffers can be single or multi-row • Maintenance for the year after the planting year can be included as part of the project proposal but is subject to the availability of funding in the following program year • Renovations or supplemental plantings <p>Ineligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of trees or shrubs that are intended for harvesting for economic benefit within 15 years, such as fruit orchards, Christmas trees, ornamental nursery stock • Block or plantation-style plantings

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffer and shelterbelt renovation costs incurred after the establishment or the purchase and relocation of established trees • Landscape quality or landscaping-type plantings • Breaking and reseeding of existing native forages • Costs for planting cover or companion crops • Seed containing noxious or prohibited weeds as listed in The Weed Control Act <p>Required documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetative Buffer Plan (BMP: P&D activity code 3401) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Only needed if located in Vancouver Island, the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys, Thompson- Nicola, Fraser Valley and Metro Vancouver areas
3202.2	Precision guidance applications – GPS pesticides/residuals	<p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precision farming applications that reduce the application and overlap of pesticides and/or improve the rate and placement of application (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, etc.) • GPS guidance systems and installation • Online field mapping equipment • Online input application control systems guided by high-resolution electronic field maps and GPS <p>Ineligible items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any precision farming applications in areas where field size and distribution, ditch layout and/or lay of land prevent significant utility from the use of GPS-guided equipment • Annual subscription fees • Pesticide inputs
3501.5	Creative environmental solutions	<p>This category is open to applications that address projects or situations identified in an Environmental Farm Plan but not represented by any other Biodiversity Projects. Applications will be accepted on a proposal driven basis and will be reviewed by a technical expert and/or staff at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.</p> <p>Required documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicable planning, engineering or technical design must accompany application