

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

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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 flamers 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.</p> <p>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