

Targeted Predator Removal Program Information



To assist Manitoba livestock producers in reducing their risk of losses due to predators, the Manitoba government has enlisted the co-operation of the Manitoba Trappers Association (MTA). The MTA coordinates the Targeted Predator Removal Program which provides services for the targeted removal of predators (coyote, wolf or fox) that have attacked livestock.

Information for Livestock Producers

To access the Program, a livestock producer must first be eligible for compensation due to losses from wolves, coyotes or foxes under the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program delivered by Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC). Producers eligible for damage compensation can then contact the MTA to request a predator trapper be deployed to remove the predators associated with the damage. There is no cost to the producer for this service.

How to Access the Program:

1. Livestock producers who have experienced livestock damage from wild predators contact the nearest Manitoba Agriculture Services Corporation office to register a claim.
2. MASC will determine if the claim meets eligibility criteria for compensation under the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program. If it does, the producer can request the services of a predator trapper under the Targeted Predator Removal Program by calling the MTA.
3. The producer will provide the MTA with their MASC claim number, contact information, premises identification number and details about the incident.
4. The MTA assigns a predator trapper to remove the predators identified as responsible for the damage.
5. The trapper will phone the producer to make arrangements for service delivery. The trapper will then investigate the situation and utilize humane methods to remove the animals involved.
6. The producer will advise their neighbours within close proximity of the general area where traps are being set; a form will be provided to assist with this requirement.
7. Upon completion of the service the producer must verify and sign an activity form for the predator trapper, as well as notify their neighbours that actions are concluded, and all capture devices have been removed.
8. A program evaluation form will be provided to program participants; feedback is encouraged.

Targeted Predator Removal Program participants must agree to the services being provided, sign a waiver of liability agreement and ensure their pets and livestock are confined away from the active trapping area during the period when traps are used.

The hours available for a trapper to action a service request are limited. To maximize the use of a trapper's time and skills, the trapper may ask the producer to monitor the traps set in the area and advise the trapper if any animals have been captured before their next scheduled follow-up visit occurs.

On-Demand Service Stream

In areas of the province with historically high levels of wolf damage to livestock, producers are eligible to participate in an on-demand program stream. Eligible operations must be located within the rural municipalities of Alonsa, Dauphin, Ellice-Archie, Fisher, Grahamdale, Kelsey, La Broquerie, Lac du Bonnet, Mountain, Piney, Riding Mountain West, Springfield, Stuartburn; the municipalities of Emerson-Franklin, Ethelbert, Grandview, Lakeshore, Minitonas-Bowsman, Roblin, Rossburn, Russell-Binscarth, Ste. Rose, Swan Valley West, or the unorganized territory (areas that are not part of a municipality, local government district, or First Nation reserve).

If your livestock operation is in one of these areas, you can request an on-farm risk assessment. The assessment will help producers determine what aspects of their operation elevate their risk, and what can be done to decrease those risks. Recommendations resulting from the assessment will be provided to the producer by provincial agricultural and wildlife staff. Some of the recommendations will be mandatory for implementation if the producer wishes to have on-demand access to a predator trapper for predator damages to their livestock. On-demand access enables a livestock producer to request the deployment of a predator trapper under the program without the need to have a recent damage claim that qualifies for MASC's Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.

How to Access Services

To access on-demand program services, contact the MTA and indicate that you would like to have an on-farm risk assessment completed for your operation.

Information for Predator Trappers

The MTA is always seeking skilled predator trappers to work under the Targeted Predator Removal Program. Predator trappers who are interested can contact MTA for more information on how to become involved and to receive an application form. Be aware that most of the service requests occur in the spring and summer months.

To apply to be a predator trapper, you will be asked to provide information about your previous trapping experience as well as a copy of your Possession and Acquisition Licence, your most recent trapping licence, proof of production, a list of equipment available for use under the program, and you must sign a declaration.

The MTA maintains a database of predator trappers that are called upon to provide program services. Trappers are paid for their time, mileage and an equipment rental fee in responding to each service request. An incentive per wolf is also paid for each wolf removed under the program.

If you are looking to become a skilled predator trapper, please contact the MTA to learn about potential training opportunities being developed.

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