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# Wildlife Damage

## Predation Compensation and Prevention

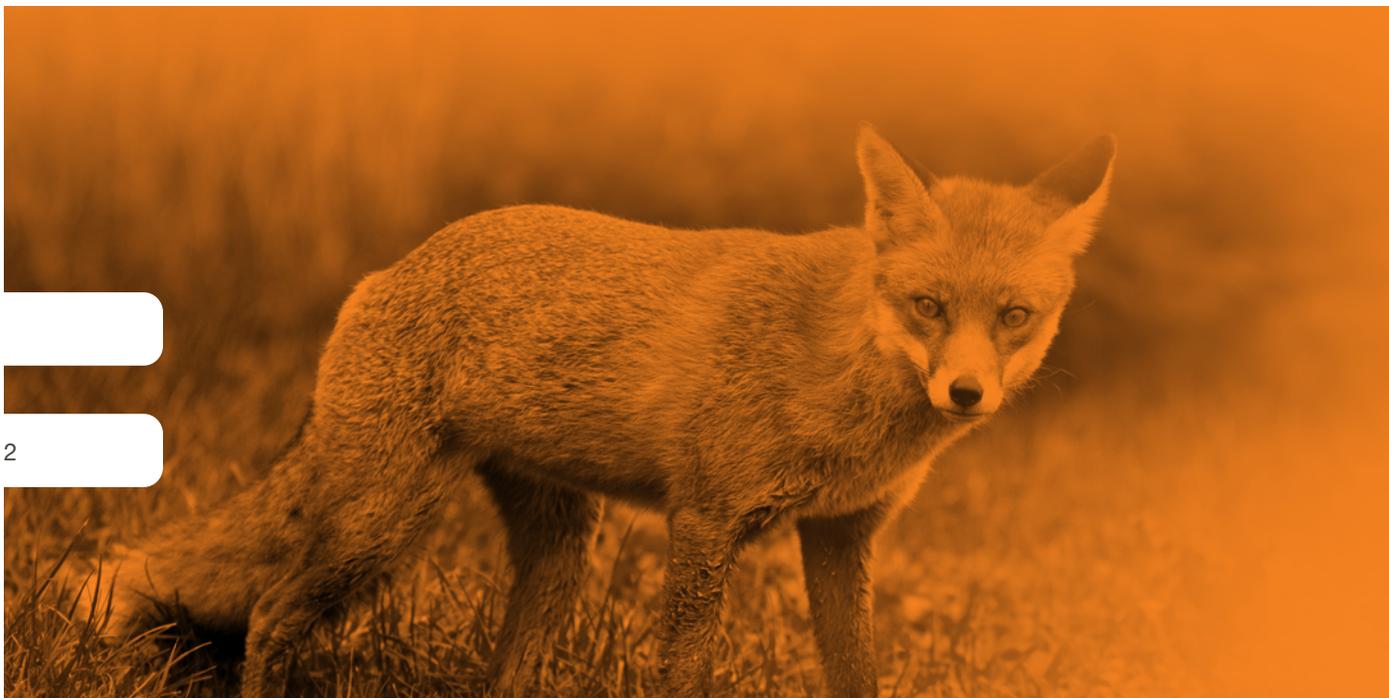


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# The Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

The Wildlife Damage Compensation Program is available for all Saskatchewan producers who suffer crop or livestock losses due to wildlife. The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) administers this program, but affected producers do not have to be a Crop Insurance customer to receive compensation through the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program. Producers can receive up to 100 per cent compensation without any cost or premium to participate. The first 80 per cent of program funding is cost-shared by federal and provincial governments; the provincial government contributes the remaining amount. The Wildlife Damage Compensation Program is comprised of: crop damage compensation, predation compensation and prevention.



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# Predation Compensation

This component of the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program provides compensation to producers for injury or death to eligible livestock, fowl or specialty animals by predators.

## COMPENSATION DETAILS

- 100 per cent compensation for death of livestock, fowl or specialty animals due to predation.
- In the event livestock are injured, producers can receive up to 80 per cent of the animal's value to cover veterinary costs.
- If predation is suspected but cannot be confirmed, 50 per cent compensation may be provided.
- If there is no evidence to prove a predator attack, no payment is issued.
- Compensation is eligible on predation by coyotes, bears, cougars, lynx, fox, wolves, bobcats, birds of prey, scavenging birds, raccoons, skunks, badgers, mink, weasels or any other wild animal that causes injury or death to eligible livestock.
- Minimum values for compensation are set for some species.
- Beef calf pricing will be determined using market sales data the week before, the week of, and the week after the loss. The producer will be compensated for the highest of these three values. If the market price is lower than the set minimum, the producer will receive the minimum amount.
- Compensation for other species is determined using market sales data. Prices are based on a six-month average. For uncommon species, values will be determined on an as-needed basis.
- Registered livestock, fowl, and eligible specialty animals are compensated at 1.5 times the commercial value. Proof of registration is required.
- To receive compensation, producers must claim farm income or expense for the animals in question.

## WHEN A LOSS OCCURS

- Contact SCIC as soon as a predator attack is discovered.
- All evidence of the attack should be preserved for the adjuster to view.
- Take pictures to record evidence of the kill and kill site (An adjuster will assess loss or injury).
  - i.e., bite or tear marks, broken bones, blood, predator tracks and surrounding environment.
- Provide evidence indicating the animal was alive prior to the predator attack. Two-thirds of a carcass and/ or kill site should be present to evaluate the attack. Compensation may be denied if this evidence is not present.
- Utilize the prevention programs that are recommended and available to help protect livestock from predators.
- Retain receipts for veterinary costs and drug expenses as evidence of treatment.
- For specialty species provide evidence of the livestock's value.

## ELIGIBLE SPECIES

Animals eligible for compensation include:

- Cattle, sheep, goats, bison, horses, hogs (excluding wild boar), elk, fallow deer, llamas and donkeys

- Ostriches, emus, ducks, geese, chickens and turkeys
- Other less common species

## CLAIMS

- Contact SCIC as soon as a predator attack is discovered.
- Producers must claim income or expense for the animal(s) in question.
- An inspection is required before compensation is paid.
- Claim assessments are based on the evidence of the carcass, the attack/kill site and indicators of the presence of a predator.
- If the adjuster determines that:
  - a) There is sufficient evidence to prove a predator attack, the producer will receive full compensation.
  - b) The evidence is inconclusive, but the probable cause of loss is a predator, the producer may receive 50 per cent compensation.
  - c) There is no carcass or there is no evidence to prove a predator attack, no payment will be issued.



# Predation Prevention

SCIC can help producers manage their predator attacks through control measures designed to reduce the problem wildlife.

Recommended predator prevention management strategies:

- Fencing that is effective and specific to livestock/ fowl operation
- Fence patrol
- Record keeping/monitoring of livestock or fowl on a daily basis
- Birthing area that is protected versus an exposed area or an area bordering prime wildlife habitat
- Properly trained guardian dogs
- Appropriate dead stock management
- Use of llamas and donkeys as guardian animals
- Paddock/field size suited to the number of guardian animals
- Night confinement close to residence
- Noise, light and other deterrents

A combination of the above methods is often required.

## GUARDIAN DOGS

SCIC can provide \$100 to help producers offset the cost of purchasing a livestock guardian dog. The use of guardian dogs can be an effective method of preventing predation; however, it does require the commitment from the producer to develop the potential of the dog. Livestock guardian dogs are most effective when complemented by other predation management practices. Producers requesting this funding should contact a customer service office or [www.scic.ca](http://www.scic.ca) to complete a Guardian Dog Rebate Application form. Receipt of purchase for the dog and breeder information is required to be eligible for compensation. There is no limit on the number of livestock guardian dogs that may be compensated.



## PREDATION SPECIALISTS

On the recommendation of a SCIC adjuster, a predation specialist can be hired to assess the situation and take steps to eliminate the predator problem. These predation specialists are experienced hunters and trappers who can provide effective control of problem wildlife. They can also provide advice and develop strategies to help protect livestock from further attacks. A predation specialist should be used in conjunction with other prevention strategies. SCIC will review and determine whether a predation specialist is suitable for the situation. If so, a specialist in the area will be contacted to help resolve the problem.

The predation specialist will then arrange for the appropriate permits to be in place. A farm visit is made and a producer waiver is signed before work begins. The predation specialist may remove the problem animal(s) and provide the producer with written information and/or training methods to resolve future problems.

## PRODUCER OBLIGATIONS

- Producers are expected to implement the predator control measures recommended by the specialist and, in general, to follow good livestock husbandry

practices to minimize the potential for predator problems. Failure to fulfill these responsibilities will result in a producer being denied further predator control services or compensation.

# Reminders

- Contact your customer service office as soon as the loss is discovered.
- Carcass and kill sites should be left intact.
- Take pictures to record evidence of the kill and kill site.
- Maintain veterinary receipts for the care of injured animals.
- To register a claim, call our toll-free number or visit one of our 21 offices. Staff are available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to accept your claims or to answer questions. During busy periods, messages are monitored after business hours and on weekends and adjusters are available on short notice to assess damage.

# Customer Service Offices

## Assiniboia

Box 340  
401 1st Ave. W.  
Assiniboia, SK  
S0H 0B0  
1.888.935.0017

## Davidson

Box 339  
103 Lincoln St.  
Davidson, SK  
S0G 1A0  
1.888.935.0020

## Estevan

Box 1716  
#5-419 Kensington Ave.  
Estevan, SK  
S4A 1C8  
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## Humboldt

Box 660  
2414 Westwood Drive  
Humboldt, SK  
S0K 2A0  
1.888.935.0026

## Kindersley

Unit 1120  
608 12th Ave. E.  
Kindersley, SK  
S0L 1S0  
1.888.935.0021

## Leader

Box 387  
#5-111 1st Ave. W.  
Leader, SK  
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45 Thatcher Dr. E.  
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S6J 1L8  
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Box 889  
709 Carleton St.  
Moosomin, SK  
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### Battleford

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### Prince Albert

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Box 1000  
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Rosetown, SK  
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## Turtleford

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Turtleford, SK  
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## Weyburn

Box 2003  
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Weyburn, SK  
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1.888.935.0003

## Yorkton

38 5th Ave. N.  
Yorkton, SK  
S3N 0Y8  
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# Contact Information

To register your claim, use our toll-free number:

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