

ONTARIO'S WILDLIFE DAMAGE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Changes Effective January 1, 2017

What to do if Your Livestock or Poultry has been Killed by Wildlife

- 1) Notify the Township Office (613-432-2885) of the livestock/poultry loss and we will notify the **MUNICIPAL INVESTIGATOR**. If the kill happens on the weekend it is permitted to call the Municipal Investigator directly but the township office should be called on Monday to report the loss also.
- 2) **DO NOT REMOVE THE CARCASS FROM THE KILL SITE** – as the Municipal Investigator must examine the area for evidence to help determine the cause of the loss. Please note – The combined weight of poultry killed must be 25 kilograms for a claim to be completed.

Secure kill site from disturbance:

- Avoid walking in or around the area
- Place a tarp over the carcass to preserve kill site for municipal investigators inspection
- Take 5 or 6 **high quality** photos of the kill site for the review of the Municipal Investigator. The detailed photos of the dead livestock and surrounding area will be an asset when submitting the claim to OMAFRA for their assessment of eligibility, evidence of predation and reasonable care to protect livestock.

To be Eligible for Compensation an Applicant must also:

- ❖ Provide a valid (current) **Farm Business Registration number** (FBR)
- ❖ Provide a **Premises Identification** number (this number can be obtained FREE of charge at 1-855-697-7743)
- ❖ Provide their **Social Insurance Number** (any payments received under this Program will be considered as income and the recipient will receive an AGR-1 – Statement of Farm-Support Payments Yearly from the Municipality)
- ❖ **DEMONSTRATE** (to the Municipal Investigator) reasonable effort has been taken to prevent incidences of wildlife damage to livestock / poultry.

What can I expect from the Municipal Investigator-

- The investigator will be on your premises to perform a detailed investigation within 72 hours of your contacting the municipality
- The investigator will collect data required to satisfy eligibility requirements such as FBRN and Premises ID number
- The investigator will focus on collecting evidence to determine:
 1. The likelihood that evidence indicates that damages were caused by an eligible predator.
 2. Presence of the injured/killed animal or carcass
 3. Evidence that the livestock/poultry bled from the attack
 4. Signs of a struggle, drag marks, broken vegetation and/or blood around the site.
- Reasonable care measures have been taken

ALL CLAIMS ARE SENT TO OMAFRA FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND COMPENSATION AMOUNT FOR THE KILLED LIVESTOCK AS OF JANUARY 1, 2017

For More Information on the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program visit:

Ontario.ca/predation