



Clear Hills County

Effective Date: January 26, 2016	Policy Number 6314
Title: Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Testing Incentive Program	

1. **Policy Statement:**

Clear Hills County recognizes the value of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) testing.

Canada may be at the risk of losing its status as a controlled BSE risk country due to tested numbers not meeting the 30,000 animal annual requirements.

In September of 2011 the province discontinued the \$150.00 per animal incentive given to producers for sampling their animals and maintaining control of the carcass pending BSE test results.

By providing a municipal BSE testing incentive, it will encourage producers to participate in the BSE testing program and assist in realizing the target of keeping the Country's status as a controlled BSE risk country.

2. **Purpose:**

2.1. To establish guidelines for Clear Hills County's BSE Testing Incentive Program.

3. **General:**

3.1. Council may annually during budget deliberations, establish a budget for the BSE Testing Incentive Program.

3.2. By resolution of Council the BSE Testing Incentive Program will be activated and deactivated.

3.3. Council will establish the amount of compensation per animal to be paid as an incentive payment for eligible beef cattle that have been BSE tested.

4. **Responsibilities**

4.1. Only beef cattle are eligible for BSE testing and incentive payments.

4.2. The Agricultural Service Board will be provided with an annual report on the number of users of the BSE testing incentive program and recommend to Council amendments to the BSE testing incentive program as necessary.

4.3. Eligible participants must be Veterinary Services (1980) Ltd. (VSI) members and a resident in Clear Hills County for three consecutive months or a landowner in Clear Hills County with livestock.

4.4. V.S.I. Services will provide a list of Clear Hills County VSI members that had animals testing for BSE in the quarterly reports.

4.5. Clear Hills County will pay VSI members that have been identified as having animals tested for BSE.

4.6. Only Veterinary Clinics will have access to the results of the BSE tests.

5. **End of Policy**