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Saskatchewan Johne's Disease Surveillance Program

This program is open to all beef, sheep and goat producers in Saskatchewan (sheep and goats have been added in October 2018). The program will cover the costs of blood testing for Johne's Disease to a **maximum of 250 animals per herd/flock**. Producers with more than 250 head may arrange with their veterinarian to have additional animals tested at the producer's expense.

The Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) will arrange to pay the laboratory directly for the testing. Veterinarians collecting and submitting samples for enrolled producers must submit their invoices to SSGA directly for payment. All services must be completed and invoices received by SSGA on or before March 15, 2019 in order to be paid. **Veterinarians must also submit a completed Risk Assessment and Management Plan (RAMP) for each participating herd (attached) in order to receive payment.**

The costs covered by this program are:

1. Fees related to the on-farm collection of samples for Johne's Disease testing as specified below:
 - a. Professional hourly rate, **up to** the amount specified in the SVMA Suggested Fee Guide for Large Animal Procedures (\$125/half hr or \$249/hr);
 - b. Mileage according to normal clinic rates, **one trip/farm** - *if more than one farm visit is required to collect all the necessary samples and complete the RAMP, it is the producer's responsibility to pay for the veterinarian's mileage for the additional visit(s);*
 - c. Technician time for spinning/separating blood samples, **up to** \$30/hr;
 - d. Consumable supplies e.g. serum separator tubes, needles; and
 - e. Up to \$500 for the completion of an on-farm Risk Assessment and Management Plan (RAMP).
2. Laboratory testing at Prairie Diagnostic Services in Saskatoon.
3. Actual courier costs to send samples to the laboratory.

NEW: Producers may re-apply to the program every second year, and if approved will be responsible for 50 percent of the veterinary and laboratory fees incurred during any subsequent rounds of participation in the program.

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