

February 2026 Newsletter



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The Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) has announced a new intake for the Ontario On-Farm Climate Action Fund. The 2026 intake opens **Feb 24/26 at 9am** and will remain open until all available funding has been allocated.

Eligible project costs must be incurred, invoiced and paid for by the approved farm business with *Feb 1, 2026-Dec 15, 2026*. New materials (eg, posts, wire, insulators, fencers, gates) and installation costs to support the establishment or expansion of rotational grazing systems and watering systems such as gravity fed systems, pumps, waterlines, water hydrants and water troughs.

Livestock must be grazed in the system before the Project Completion Date of that program year and before that year's claim can be submitted. The Cost-Share Funding is available at 65-75% of approved costs.

To enroll, visit osciaportal.org to set up your account. For all details and documents required to apply—go to <https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/core-bmps/>

**Watch your mail for our February Flyer.
Lots of items for calving and lambing.
Take advantage of these sale prices!**

We still have a great selection of winter clothing in stock, with names like Hammill Coveralls

**Tough Duck bibs and coats,
Baffin Ice Bear and hunter winter
boots and Watson winter gloves.**

**We also have a selection socks,
mitts, gloves,
hand & toe warmers for those
extra cold days!**

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE CLOSED MONDAY, FEB 16 FOR FAMILY DAY



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Understanding the Proposed Traceability Regulations

ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	CURRENT REGULATIONS	PROPOSED REGULATIONS
IDENTIFYING CATTLE			
Identifying cattle—general	Premises where cattle are located	Animals must be identified before leaving site of origin.	No change
Identifying cattle—receiving cattle without indicators (tags)	Tagging site	Cattle must be tagged with indicator linked to the originating site.	Cattle must be tagged with indicator linked to the originating PID and reported.
	Receiver (arriving) but not a tagging site	Re-identified cattle must be recorded.	Re-identified cattle must be reported.
Identifying cattle—when cattle lose an indicator	Premises where cattle are located	Cattle with lost indicators must have indicator replaced and be recorded.	Cattle with a lost indicator must have indicator replaced and be reported.
PREMISES IDENTIFICATION			
Identifying premises	Premises owner	No requirements	A PID must be reported when purchasing tags or reporting information to CLTS.
MOVEMENT REPORTING			
Movement within a cattle operation	Premises owner	No requirements	No requirements
Movement off and on to grazing without comingling	Premises owner	No requirements	No requirements
Movement off and on to comingled grazing or community pasture	Premises owner (returning and departing)	No requirements	Departing premises owner reports group movement for departure, and returning premises owner reports group movement for return.
Movement to another cattle operation	Shipper (departing)	No requirements	No requirement to report. Provide PID to transporter.
	Receiver (arriving)	No requirements	Report move-in event, including animal indicators, within 7 days.
Movement to assembly or auction	Shipper (departing)	No requirements	No requirements to report. Provide PID to transporter.
	Assembly or auction	No requirements	Report group movement or arrival "sighting" within 7 days.
Movement to slaughter	Shipper (departing)	No requirements	No requirements
	Abattoir	No requirements	Report arrival (move-in event), death or slaughter within 7 days.

There has been misinformation shared on Social Media regarding the proposed changes to traceability regulations under the Health of Animals Act. The CCA has developed this chart to explain the proposed changes.

Though not required yet, **a Premise ID will be required to purchase indicator tags** and record cattle movement when the changes come into effect. It is suggested to be proactive and apply for your Premise ID number(s).

B&L Farm Services Ltd. offers 3 bagged alternatives to your bedding:

Wood Shavings in 3 grades: medium, fine and sawdust. Half and full truck loads are available direct to your farm.

Straw Boss brand chopped straw. Skid lot pricing.

Nirom Peat Moss available in 55 cu' and 3 cu' sized bales. Half and full truck loads are available direct to your farm.

