

When flooding begins to occur, ensure that you take action to reduce the impact of damage to your property as long as it is safe and practical to do so. Actions may include:

- Relocating cattle
- Moving farm equipment to higher ground
- Returning land to usable condition

If artificial flooding occurs and it is expected to result in economic or business losses, Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO) will announce a compensation program. After you have submitted a compensation claim, Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) will review each application to ensure that it is within the artificial flood extent and is eligible for compensation.

Once accepted into the Shellmouth Dam Compensation Program, an onsite inspection of your property will be arranged. An inspector from *Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation* (MASC) will contact you to schedule a convenient time and day. Inspections will be completed within one month of flood waters receding within the riverbank. To prepare for the inspection, ensure:

- A person is there to meet the inspector (preferably, the person most familiar with the damages to the property).
- A person is there who knows about any repairs made to the property and the conditions before the repairs (pictures are needed to verify conditions).
- You tell the inspector about any damages from the event, even if repaired. The inspector cannot necessarily identify repairs made and needs to be aware of all damages during the inspection.

Ensure you do the following so you have proper records in place to ensure your claim can be properly evaluated under the Shellmouth Dam Compensation Program:

- Take pictures of all damaged property and items before you dispose of anything
- Keep track of all your repairs and activities including:
 - Labour and equipment hours
 - Extra mileage, feed, and bales
 - Types of equipment used, including make, model, year, horsepower, and attachments
 - Materials used, including quantities

Damage caused by natural flooding may be eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA). For additional information on the DFA program and to see if a DFA is currently active in your area, please visit www.manitobaemo.ca.



The Shellmouth Dam Compensation Program provides compensation for crop, business losses, and property damages. The following items are typically eligible, but it is always best to contact Manitoba EMO if you have specific questions about eligibility.

- Livestock fencing
- Harvested and stored (bale, bushel, piled) crops
- Loss of hay
- Costs to undertake an evacuation of livestock, like pasture rentals, supplemental feed, and boarding and transportation costs
- Restoration of damaged pens and corrals
- Clean up and removal of debris
- Damaged crops & forages
- Silting, field erosion, and cleaning of drainage systems
- Restoration of damaged driveways, culverts, and similar infrastructure
- Repair and restoration of outbuildings
- Labour costs

Natural flooding is an eligible cause of loss under the Agri Insurance Program administered by the MASC. If you have a contract with MASC, please contact them directly to determine your eligibility. Please contact your local MASC office for details.

Contact the Manitoba Emergency Management Organization

1-888-267-8298 emo@gov.mb.ca

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Flooding can be stressful. Free mental health support is available through the Manitoba Farm, Rural & Northern Support Services at 1-866-367-3276 or www.supportline.ca. Manitoba 211 also provides mental health supports. Dial 211 or visit mb.211.ca.