

CANADIAN RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION (CRFID) READER PROGRAM

- The goal of the CRFID program is to help facilitate a full supply chain response to a disease outbreak to reduce transmittal of diseases in herds and prevent tainted meat entering the food chain. The tracing and tracking information captured will facilitate recalls and quarantines in the event of an outbreak and reduce the negative economic and health effects associate.
- Within pre-determined caps of \$1000 for handheld readers and \$3000 for panel readers, eligible applicants are able to purchase an eligible RFID reader and then apply for financial assistance of up to 50% of the purchase cost of the reader, and costs related with installation and associated hardware and software.
- March 24th 2006, the CRFID program underwent approved amendments:
 - The program was extended from March 31, 2006 to until December 31, 2007
 - The program was amended to include an enhanced list of eligible applicants. Commercial Livestock Truckers, Commercial Feedlots, Grazing Co-operatives and Community Pastures were added to the existing eligible applicants list which included slaughter and processing plants, sales barns/stockyards/auction markets, veterinarians, veterinarian schools and universities, pathology labs (private), mobile butchers, dead stock operators.
 - The program now includes data sorting software, hardware and terminals to be included under the \$1000 handheld reader cap and \$3000 panel reader cap.
 - The program now allows all applicants to be eligible (with justification) for more than one reader

For more information please call: 1 800 667-8567

Application forms can be found at http://www.agr.gc.ca/fd_al/crfid-pclirf/index_e.php

Or through the CCIA website links: <http://www.canadaid.ca/links.shtml>