



## News Release

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Alberta Beef Quality Starts Here  
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### **Livestock Equipment Funding Still Available**

**November 10, 2008, Medicine Hat, AB** – Alberta beef producers who want to take advantage of the Verified Beef Production livestock equipment funding\* initiative now have until **December 31, 2008**.

“The funding deadline has been shortened to December 31, 2008 instead of March 31, 2009 as previously advertised. “There is still time left for beef producers to take advantage of the livestock equipment offer,” states Eileen Leslie, Alberta provincial coordinator for the Verified Beef Production program.

Alberta beef producers who have participated in a Verified Beef Production workshop are eligible for 50% of the cost up to a maximum of \$750 for eligible pieces of livestock equipment including: chutes and head gates that facilitate neck injections, hand-held RFID tag readers and computer software to track medication withdrawals.

“The ongoing workshops are approximately two hours in length and free of charge,” says Leslie. “Producers can attend a scheduled workshop or request that one be set up. Interested producers should contact us.”

A list of currently scheduled workshops can be found at: **[www.beefsafety.ab.ca](http://www.beefsafety.ab.ca)**. For additional program information, or to request that a VBP workshop be scheduled in your area please call Eileen Leslie at **1-866-242-7404**. Verified Beef Production is a national cattle industry initiative created to help implement and verify good production practices on-farm that minimize food safety risks, and is recognized by the CFIA.

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