Compensation
- IWDCP pays a maximum of 80% of the verified losses of the crop
- Losses due to insurable perils (covered by production insurance) are distinguished from damages caused by wildlife
- Damages caused by wildlife will be deducted from any production insurance claims so that damages are not double compensated
- A minimum 10% crop loss must have occurred
- Minimum damage for claim eligibility is $2500 for 2008 IWDCP
- Compensation value will be determined by methodology established

Cage Placement
There must be a minimum of 1-2 cages per 100 acre field. Cages should be placed in areas of the field where the wildlife frequent. The area inside the cage should represent the majority of the field.

Contact your nearest Ministry of Agriculture and Lands office. Ask for information on the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program:

Abbotsford…………….1-888-221-7141
Dawson Creek…………1-877-772-2200
Fort St John…………..1-888-822-1345
Kamloops………………1-888-823-3355
Kelowna………………1-888-332-3352
Oliver…………………..1-888-812-8811

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Program Details
· The 2008 Interim Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (IWDCP) augments the "pilot" programs by filling in the regions where pilots have not been operating.
· The pilots programs are continuing to operate for 2008.
· The 2008 IWDCP will compensate qualifying cattle and forage producers whose unharvested forage crop intended for livestock feed has been damaged by wildlife.

Wildlife Definition
The 2008 IWDCP will include wildlife damage caused by: deer, elk, moose and bear.

Eligibility
· Applicant must provide proof of BC Assessment Farm Status (special considerations can be appealed)
· Applicant must provide proof of private land ownership and/or lease confirmation
· Application to program can be made regardless of whether or not the applicant has Production Insurance
· Applicants must be committed to reducing wildlife depredation on crops by using approved mitigation and prevention activities
· For 2008 IWDCP will limit compensation to the first forage cut only.

Crop Eligibility for the 2008 IWDCP
· IWDCP covers both perennial forage crops (i.e. alfalfa, clover, tame grasses, etc.) and annual forage crops (i.e. wheat, oats, barley, peas, other cereal, etc.) used for livestock feed that is in standing crop
· Damage to crop must have been caused by a wildlife species (that have not been held in captivity)
· Producers are encouraged to place exclosures/cages out in the field as early as possible. Where no cages are present at the time of adjustment, damage will be adjusted as a “spot-loss” basis only.

Crops that are not eligible for Compensation Include:
· Crops grown on land that is uninsurable for production insurance
· Crops used for lure or intercept feeding
· Straw or other by-products
· On grazing land or native pasture
· Seeded too late to expect a normal yield
· Volunteer crops
· Damage caused by wildlife other than defined wildlife
· Where livestock have entered the field prior to adjustment
· Crops harvested and left exposed to wildlife damage due to management practices

Damage Reporting and Application
· Producers are required to report wildlife damage as soon as identified or a minimum of 7 days prior to harvest
· Growers are encouraged to report the type and number of wildlife causing damage, and time spent on field
· Crops must not be harvested before adjustment
· Grower must be present at inspection and be able to show where damage has occurred (or suitable arrangements made with adjuster)
· Applicants must provide name, address, age of crop, type of crop, number of acres damaged, legal description, and location and size of fields
· Applicants are required to supply a tax reporting number and signature of authority for compensation claims