

Ontario's Wildlife Damage Compensation Program:

What to Do If Your Livestock or Poultry Has Been Injured or Killed by Wildlife

- 1. Immediately notify the Township of Norwich (within 48 hours of discovering the injury or death).** Contact the Municipal Office at 519-468-2410. The municipality will contact the Livestock Valuer and have them contact you and make arrangements to attend your premises.
- 2. Do not remove the carcass from the attack site.** The Valuer will need to examine the area for evidence to help determine the cause of the loss. [Note: The weight of poultry injured or killed must be more than 25 kilograms]
 - Secure the site from disturbance:**
 - **Avoid walking in or around the area**
 - **Place a tarp over the carcass**
 - **Take photos of the scene** (if a camera is available)
- 3. Within 3 days, the Valuer will make a full investigation and submit a written report to the Municipal Clerk within 10 days of receiving notification.** The Valuer's report will give details regarding the extent of the damage to the livestock or poultry and the amount of the compensation claim awarded. The Valuer will state in the report whether or not the livestock or poultry was killed or injured by wildlife such as coyotes or wolves.
- 4. If you do not agree with the Municipal Valuer's report,** you may appeal to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), in writing, within 20 business days of receiving the Valuer's report. A cheque or money order for \$25, payable to the "Minister of Finance" must accompany the appeal. The \$25 fee will be refunded, if the appeal is upheld.

To be Eligible for Compensation an Applicant "must" also:

1. Provide a valid **Farm Business Registration** number (FBR) or approved documentation issued by the Ministry (1-866-327-3678)
2. Provide a **Premises Identification** number (free registration: 1-877-424-1300)
3. Provide their **Social Insurance Number** (any payments received under the Program will be considered as income for tax purposes).
- 4. Demonstrate (to the Valuer) reasonable effort has been taken to prevent incidences of wildlife damage to livestock or poultry.**