

Supervised on-site and off-site weigh-ins

Supervised on-site and off-site weigh-ins are a new service offered by Quebec's auction barns to meet the Financière agricole du Québec (FADQ) ASRA Program modalities. This service allows producers to receive compensation for the Cow-Calves product, based on the outbound weight of calves marketed as feeder calves (between 450 and 750 lbs), provided that all ASRA Program conditions are met.

The following represent sales where supervised weigh-ins are required to receive compensation based on real outbound weight:

- Sales made outside of Quebec with stakeholders who are not recognized by the FADQ;
- Sales of animals for breeding purposes by producers solely covered for feeder calves;
- Direct sales with stakeholders who are not recognized by the FADQ (e.g. feeder calf brokers), regardless of the animals' destination (unless the entire lot of calves is sold to the same FADQ-insured producer of fed cattle and he has declared the average weight for the same lot to the FADQ);
- Direct sale, regardless of the destination, in which the seller wants to be certain that the weight of the calves sold is declared to the FADQ (to avoid being penalized if the buyer only declares one average inbound weight for more than one seller).

After the supervised weighing process has been completed, the following two conditions must be respected:

- **The animals must not be returned to the producer's farm**, otherwise no compensation will be paid by the FADQ;
- **The animals must be marketed**, otherwise no compensation will be paid. In case of doubt, producers should be referred to their FADQ services centre to verify the transaction's eligibility.

Note that the producers who are insured for **Cow-Calves and Feeder Cattle and Slaughter Cattle products** do not have to use the supervised weighing service to get the selling weight of their calves recognized. The declared exit weight of Feeder Cattle and Slaughter Cattle product will be used to establish the selling weight of feeder calves. This weight must be confirmed, according to the applicable standards for Feeder Cattle and Slaughter Cattle product by proof of weighing done on scales legal for trade and a bill of sale.

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Contact information for auction barns that offer supervised weigh-ins

Bic

Coopérative des encans d'animaux du Bas-St-Laurent
3229, route 132 Ouest
Bic (Quebec) GOL 1B0
Phone: 418 736-5788

Danville

Réseau Encans Québec
1451, route 116, C. P. 178
Danville (Quebec) J0A 1A0
Phone: 819 839-2781

La Guadeloupe

Marché d'animaux vivants Veilleux et Frères inc.
1287, 14^e avenue
La Guadeloupe (Quebec) G0M 1G0
Phone: 418 459-6832

Saint-Hyacinthe

Réseau Encans Québec
5110, rue Martineau
Saint-Hyacinthe (Quebec) J2R 1T9
Phone: 450 796-2612 or 1 877 796-2612

Saint-Isidore

Réseau Encans Québec
2020, rang de la Rivière
Saint-Isidore-de-Dorchester (Quebec)
G0S 2S0
Phone: 418 882-6341 or 1 866 839-9475

Sawyerville

Encan Sawyerville inc.
420, route 253
Cookshire (Quebec) J0B 1M0
Phone: 819 849-3606

The producer can contact the auction barn of his choice to receive the supervised weigh-in service. The auction barns offer producers uniform, standardized procedures they can rely on.

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On-site supervised weigh-ins

This is when lots of calves of varying weights are weighed, following the same protocol that is used during auction sales (maximum 50 lbs difference from the average is permitted).

The service includes:

- The scanning of tags;
- The division of calves into 3 groups: under 450 lbs, from 450 to 750 lbs, and over 750 lbs (a maximum 50 lbs difference from the average is permitted);
- The issue of a weight ticket for every lot;
- The issue of a certificate of summary for the weigh-ins;
- The electronic data transfer to Agri-Traçabilité Québec (ATQ), in accordance with FADQ established and approved protocol.

Off-site supervised weigh-ins

This is when lots of calves weighing between 450 and 750 lbs, or more than 750 lbs, are weighed on certified public scales, with a weigh-in officer from an auction barn present.

The service includes:

- Electronic reading of the identifiers by the weighing officer, when the producer's facilities allow it and if agreed upon with the auction (otherwise, the producer has the responsibility of performing the electronic reading of the identifiers and of transmitting the data to the auction);
- The presence of the officer when weighing the full truck;
- The compilation of weight tickets to ensure a match between the weights for each load and the weight of the full truck;
- The issue of a certificate of summary for the weigh-ins;
- The electronic data transfer to Agri-Traçabilité Québec (ATQ), in accordance with FADQ established and approved protocol.

The fees related to the on-site supervised weigh-in service

- \$7.50 per calf.

The fees related to the off-site supervised weigh-in service

Cost of the service if the producer is located less than 100 kilometres from a station

- \$10 per calf, minimum \$300, maximum \$600 (includes 3 hours of work by the weigh-in officer, as well as travel time and expenses), overtime billed at \$65/hour.

Cost of the service if the producer is located more than 100 kilometres from a station

- \$7.50 per calf, minimum \$250, maximum \$500 (includes 3 hours of work by the weigh-in officer, as well as travel time and expenses), overtime billed at \$65/hour.

The cost of the service only includes weigh-in supervision. Travel expenses are not included, and neither are the costs imposed by certain companies for the use of their scale during a weigh-in.

For questions, please contact the Feeder Calf Sales Agency at 450 679-0540, extension 8891.

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