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Council of the Rural Municipality of Meadow Lake No. 588
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Dear Council of the Rural Municipality of Meadow Lake No. 588:

Thank you for reaching out to the Honourable Premier Scott Moe to share the declaration made by the Rural Municipality of Meadow Lake No. 588. I am responding on his behalf. The Government of Saskatchewan acknowledges the significant challenges some of our agricultural producers are facing and we remain committed to supporting the sector during these difficult times.

Producers' primary line of defense is provided by our existing business risk management programs: Crop Insurance, AgriStability, and AgriInvest. This year, the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) is once again doubling the low yield appraisal threshold, encouraging acres of low-yielding eligible crops to be diverted to make additional feed available to graze, bale or silage. This allows customers to salvage their eligible crops as feed, without negatively impacting future individual coverage. In 2021 and 2023, this same initiative was successfully implemented, resulting in over half a million acres of additional low yield crops redirected to feed. This initiative supports both Saskatchewan's crop and livestock producers, allowing livestock producers to work directly with neighbouring crop producers to access additional feed. Producers enrolled in Crop Insurance are encouraged to contact local SCIC office to discuss options calling toll-free 1-888-935-0000, or email customer.service@scic.ca.

AgriStability helps protect farmers and ranchers against production loss, increased costs, and market conditions. Producers enrolled in AgriStability can request an Interim Payment to receive a portion of their estimated final payment early, offering timely financial support for their operations. AgriInvest is a producer-government savings account intended to address immediate cash flow concerns as withdrawals can be made anytime. For more information, clients can call toll-free at 1-866-270-8450 or email agristability@scic.ca.

SCIC recognizes the most pressing concern for livestock producers is reduced hay and pasture production. Pasture acres are insured for the impact of dry conditions through the Forage Rainfall Insurance Program. Starting July 15, 2025, eligible producers will begin to receive claim payments, providing timely financial relief to help offset the impact of below average rainfall. By August 15, 2025, remaining claims are automatically calculated based strictly upon weather station data.

The Livestock Price Insurance program also provides protection against an unexpected drop in prices over a defined time period. For more information, clients can visit <http://www.lpi.ca>.

Producers can secure low-interest livestock cash advances under the federal government's Advance Payments Program. The Advance Payments Program interest free limit was raised to \$250,000 for the 2025 program year. This is the portion of advances on which the Government of Canada pays the interest on behalf of producers. As well, livestock producers are encouraged to monitor prescribed regions for the federal Livestock Tax Deferral provision. The provision allows producers who sell part of their breeding herd due to drought or flooding in prescribed drought or flood regions to defer a portion of sale proceeds to the following year.

The Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program provides funding to eligible applicants to develop new wells, pipelines, dugouts, small dams, or expand existing dugouts. Under the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program, costs related to dugouts, pipelines, and wells are typically funded at 50 per cent of eligible costs, to a maximum rebate of \$75,000 over the life of the program.

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Producers are encouraged to reach out to their local Ministry of Agriculture specialists at any of the 10 Regional Offices across Saskatchewan for assistance or information on alternative feeding strategies, pasture management, assistance with water testing, or interpretation of feed and water test results. To locate the nearest office, please contact the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at: 1-866-457-2377, or visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/ag-regional-offices>.

During challenging times, producers experiencing stress or any other mental health concerns can contact the Farm Stress Line toll-free at: 1-800-667-4442, or visit: Farmstressline.ca. Farm Stress Line services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and all calls are kept confidential.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Harrison', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daryl Harrison
Minister of Agriculture

cc: Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan
Jeremy Harrison, MLA Meadow Lake