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Saskatchewan Stock Growers Welcome AgriRecovery Assistance

Calvin Knoss, President of the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA), said today, “the additional financial assistance made available through AgriRecovery will greatly assist Saskatchewan livestock producers that are short of feed due to the excessive moisture received in 2010.”

This announcement will enable eligible livestock producers to receive \$30 per ton to purchase feed for their livestock, in addition to the previously announced Saskatchewan Feed and Forage Program (SFFP). This additional funding will permit livestock producers who were adversely impacted by the excessive moisture to maintain their herds.

“The SSGA is pleased to see that the Federal and Provincial governments have designed a province wide disaster program that is assessed on individual need and not on livestock inventory,” said Knoss.

“However” added Knoss “Yesterday's announcement has turned the situation of excess moisture into a livestock issue when it is primarily a crop issue, since grass and forage should be treated as a legitimate crop. This program is not management neutral, since it only supports livestock producers who buy feed and does not address the real problem which is unusable or unharvested forage. A better approach would have been to enhance the AgriRecovery announced last summer for unseeded crop land. This would help farms dealing with excess moisture, whether they needed to buy feed or not. “

Knoss feels that with the higher than average snowfall accumulations this winter that regions that received excessive moisture in 2010 could potentially be wetter in 2011.

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