



## Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association

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## **Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association Welcomes Opening of Wildlife Lands for Emergency Grazing**

The Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association welcomes the announcement today by Agriculture Minister Bob Bjornerud and Environment Minister Nancy Heppner regarding the opening of 100,000 acres of Fish and Wildlife Development Fund lands for emergency grazing across the province.

Calvin Knoss, President of the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association, said today that, "this announcement is welcome news to Saskatchewan's cattle producers that are being affected by drought." "We feel that this is a step in the right direction that gives producers another tool to help manage through this difficult situation", stated Knoss.

Stock Growers Past President, Ed Bothner stated that, "the most immediate concern facing producers in drought regions is water supply shortages and looming forage supply shortages for this upcoming winter." "The opening of this additional grazing land will help to extend the grazing season which help alleviate the supply and demand pressure on forage supplies", added Bothner.

"We will continue to closely monitor the situation and work with the government to assist producers in finding solutions", commented Knoss.

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