



## Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association

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### **Saskatchewan Stock Growers Tackle Industry Issues**

Cattle producers examined a broad range of issues impacting their industry during an informative Convention and Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA), which concluded in Moose Jaw on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Association members, including representatives from affiliate associations, industry and government attended the three day meeting showcasing the theme “**Adding Value to Beef – Reality or Myth?**”. Beef traceability, beef production value chains and the need for a responsive AgriRecovery disaster program were among the key topics of discussion.

The Annual General Meeting took place on June 15<sup>th</sup> where members received updates on the SSGA Group Plan and the BSE Class Action Lawsuit. SSGA members passed resolutions dealing with a number of issues including establishing clear AgriRecovery triggers, modernizing the provincial Surface Rights Act and the development of a National Ecological Goods & Services strategy.

One resolution called for the SSGA to lobby the federal and provincial governments to extend the eligible drought payment areas under the Canada Saskatchewan Pasture Recovery Initiative. Members were concerned that some Rural Municipalities that have been negatively impacted by consecutive droughts were excluded from the outlined area. Another resolution passed was to see the SSGA lobby the Federal Government to develop and implement an actuarially sound and affordable National Cattle Price insurance program for fed cattle, feeder cattle and calves.

Calvin Knoss, a rancher from Rockglen, was re-elected as SSGA. Rounding out the Executive are the following: Harold Martens of Swift Current, first Vice President, Doug Gillespie of Neville, second Vice President, Ed Bothner of Beechy, Past President and Finance Chair will be announced following the next Board of Director’s meeting.

Newly elected directors to the SSGA Board of Directors are Helen Finucane of Regina, Paul Jefferson of Humboldt and Ross MacDonald of Lake Alma.

The event featured a full Trade Show and was supported by the following sponsors:

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