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## **Saskatchewan Stock Growers Welcome Expansion of the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program -- and Growing Forward.**

Ed Bothner, President of the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association, the province's largest cow-calf producer organization, said today that, "The Saskatchewan Stock Growers welcome today's announcement of the expansion of the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP), as well as the announcement of a collection of additional programs for producers."

"The water infrastructure program has provided badly needed assistance to producers in 65 drought stressed municipalities since it was introduced in 2008", said Bothner. "We commend the government for its decision to make FRWIP a multi-year program available to producers throughout the province."

Bothner stated that components of FRWIP such as the development of community wells and well-to-pasture pipelines, "are cost effective strategies that can make a significant contribution to our capacity to withstand drought."

Daryk Simonson, Chair of the Stock Growers Policy and Trade Committee echoed Bothner's comments and added that additional components of the package of management programs announced by federal and provincial officials today will contribute to strengthening the province's cattle industry. "We are pleased to see continued emphasis by government in the areas of on-farm food safety and environmental protection as well as funding for business innovation and development projects." said Simonson.

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