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Mr. Chad MacPherson, General Manager
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Dear Mr. MacPherson:

Thank you for your email of January 25, 2016, regarding the resolutions carried at the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) 2016 Semi Annual Meeting on January 21, 2016. The following responses are included for the resolutions pertaining to the Ministry of Agriculture:

Resolutions #1:

The Ministry of Agriculture has forwarded this resolution to the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport.

Resolutions #2:

The Ministry of Agriculture has forwarded this resolution to the Ministry of Environment.

Resolution #3:

Prior to the end of the Western Livestock Price Insurance Program pilot, governments will initiate a review of program operations and management and will consider its potential beyond the Growing Forward 2 agreement. Part of the assessment will include feedback from the livestock industry. Input from the SSGA will be included in the final assessment.

Resolution #5:

The Ministry of Agriculture, along with the other Ministries involved in labour and education, will continue to communicate with employers in the agricultural sectors (livestock, grain, horticulture, meat and crop processing facilities) on workforce planning issues, including addressing labour shortages, retention and training. The Ministry has

also met with officials from Alberta Agriculture concerning the labour needs of industry. Both of our provinces have acute labour shortages impacting the agriculture sector. Along with our federal counterparts, we will work together to explore solutions for our sector.

Resolution #6:

The Government of Saskatchewan endorses the resolution. We are pleased that Canada is an original signatory to this historic agreement. It is now critical that Canada follow through and ratifies the agreement to ensure our industry is able to take advantage of the opportunities provided under the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.

Once again, thank you for your email and the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyle Stewart', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lyle Stewart
Minister of Agriculture

cc: Honourable Mark Docherty, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport
Honourable Herb Cox, Minister of Environment