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Dear Mr. MacPherson:

Thank you for your email of June 19, 2018, regarding the resolutions carried at the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) Annual General Meeting on June 12, 2018. The following responses are included for the resolutions pertaining to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Resolution 1: That SSGA lobby to have funding included for the study of Johne's disease in multi grazing species (i.e. goats and sheep).

Response: The Ministry of Agriculture is agreeable to amending the existing Provincial Johne's Disease Control Program for Beef Cattle to include small ruminants (sheep and goats). However, the overall funding limit for this program (\$144,000 annually over the 5-year Canadian Agricultural Partnership agreement term) will remain unchanged.

Resolution 3: That SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to amend *The Trespass to Property Act* to implement a mandatory permission requirement into *The Trespass to Property Act*.

Response: As you are aware from our stakeholder meeting on May 14th, this resolution pertains to the responsibility of the Ministry of Justice. By way of this letter I have referred your resolution to the Minister of Justice to further address your concerns and discuss next steps.

Resolution 6: That SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to develop a comprehensive wild pig eradication plan.

Response: Our government acknowledges the problem of free-ranging and feral wild boars. We continue to monitor and look for solutions to improve control measures in problem areas.

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The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC), the administrator of the compensation for crop damage caused by feral wild boars, received fewer than 50 claims since 2010. This relatively low number of claims can in part be attributed to amendments to *the Stray Animals Regulations* and on farm inspections ensuring wild boar producers comply with fencing regulations. It is also a result of new control measures implemented by SCIC for feral wild boar in reported problem areas.

The Ministry of Agriculture and SCIC will continue to work with producers, landowners and Rural Municipalities to ensure wild boar are not being released into the wild and compensation and control measures remain effective. We encourage your members to report feral wild boar sightings or submit requests for compensation to their local Crop Insurance office.

Resolution 10: That SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to expand the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program to cover water treatment systems.

Response: The program currently provides funding support for the development of dugouts, wells and pipelines. These water development projects have been identified as highest priority by stakeholders. Currently, water treatment systems do not fall within the scope of the program.

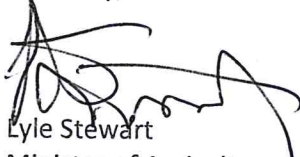
The Ministry of Agriculture has engaged in discussions with SSGA and committed to examining the eligibility criteria for water treatment systems as technology improves.

Resolution 11: That SSGA work with SCIC to make enhancements to Forage Rainfall Insurance Program to improve coverage and coverage levels.

Response: SCIC has worked with SSGA in recent years on enhancements to the forage programs such as the addition of fire insurance. SCIC will continue to work with SSGA for continued improvements.

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

Sincerely,



Lyle Stewart
Minister of Agriculture

cc: Honourable Don Morgan, Minister of Justice