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Chad MacPherson, General Manager
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Dear Chad MacPherson:

Thank you for your email regarding the resolutions carried at the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) Semi-Annual Meeting on January 30, 2020.

Resolution #1: That the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to explore the development of a Saskatchewan Conservation Trust to help meet Saskatchewan's Target 1 goals.

This resolution has been referred to the Ministry of Environment for response.

Resolution #2: That the SSGA lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to invest in research to develop innovative water treatment options.

The Government of Saskatchewan understands the importance of water quality for livestock in the province and will continue to invest in research in this area. Through the Strategic Field Program, we invested in water quality research examining the effects of sulphates in beef cattle at the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence. Last month, I announced funding through the Agriculture Development Fund at the Saskatchewan Beef Industry Conference. One research project, *Strategies to Address Mineral Nutrition in the Face of Poor Water Quality* at the University of Saskatchewan may assist in developing options that could improve water quality in our province.

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I would also like to make you aware that that the Ministry of Agriculture has prioritized extension efforts focusing on livestock water quality, and offers free water testing to livestock producers through our regional offices.

Thank you for discussing this issue at your semi-annual meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Marit". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

David Marit
Minister of Agriculture