



APAS calls on government to respond to drought

Outlines actions needed to address situation

June 12, 2019 – For Immediate Release – The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan has proposed several steps that need to be taken to help the province’s producers cope with current drought conditions.

“APAS is calling on both levels of government to initiate a drought-related [AgriRecovery](#) assessment. For many producers, 2019 is our third straight year of below average moisture,” said APAS president Todd Lewis. “We can’t just keep hoping for rain. It is time to act.”

APAS has asked government to assist with water supplies and water quality management, designate the entire province as eligible for the [Federal Livestock Tax Deferral program](#), and create a provincial Drought Committee of government and industry representatives to monitor drought conditions and oversee assistance measures.

APAS would also like Saskatchewan Crop Insurance to consider a new program that will encourage the conversion of drought-damaged cereal crops into livestock feed such as green feed, silage or grazing.

“Producers across the province are under considerable stress,” Lewis added. “The government may not be able to make it rain, but there are concrete actions that can be taken to alleviate some of the burden producers are dealing with.”

To read the full details of APAS’ proposed drought plan, [click here](#).

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Background: APAS is Saskatchewan’s general farm organization – formed to provide farmers and ranchers with a democratically elected, grassroots, non-partisan, producer-run organization based on rural municipal boundaries. As the united voice of agricultural producers and ranchers in Saskatchewan, we strive to represent the views of a wide variety of agricultural stakeholders in order to form comprehensive policies that can



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