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### **Strengthened Safety Nets for Producers in 2026-27 Budget**

**REGINA, SK** – The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) welcomes the 2026-27 Saskatchewan Provincial Budget, recognizing the government’s significant investment in farm income stabilization while expressing concerns about funding reductions for agriculture infrastructure.

The Ministry of Agriculture’s budget for 2026-27 has been set at \$660.8 million, marking an increase from the previous year’s \$623.1 million. APAS recognizes the province’s efforts to enhance Business Risk Management (BRM) programming with a budget of \$524.3 million, reflecting a \$40.5 million increase. Notably, the AgriStability program funding has doubled to \$116.3 million, with AgriInvest seeing a rise to \$46.9 million, providing crucial financial support to producers during challenging times.

“The agriculture budget notably focuses on reinforcing our safety nets in times of uncertainty,” said Bill Prybylski, APAS President. “These investments are vital to support farm and ranch families who are contending with narrow margins and market volatility.”

In addition to agriculture-specific support, APAS notes important commitments to agricultural infrastructure and innovation:

- Rural Integrated Roads for Growth program funding increased to \$20.35 million to maintain vital transportation corridors.
- Saskatchewan Chemical Fertilizer Incentive program extended to 2031 to encourage regional fertilizer production.
- R&D tax credit doubled to \$2 million, enabling more investment in agricultural innovation that strengthens Saskatchewan’s global competitiveness.

However, APAS is concerned about reductions to the Water Security Agency’s funding, including a \$12 million cut to dam and water infrastructure rehabilitation.

“Safe, reliable water infrastructure is the backbone of rural communities and agriculture,” added Prybylski. “Deferring maintenance creates long-term risks for producers who rely on these systems.”

APAS remains committed to working with the government to prioritize investments in risk management and critical rural infrastructure that safeguards the future of Saskatchewan agriculture.

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