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Budget 2026 Delivers on Key APAS Priorities for Farm Investment and Family Farm Transfers

REGINA, SK – The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) says Budget 2026 takes meaningful steps toward addressing two critical challenges facing Canadian agriculture: maintaining competitiveness through capital investments and supporting the successful transition of family farms to the next generation, longstanding priorities advocated for by APAS.

The new Productivity Mega Deduction, which provides permanent immediate expensing of qualifying capital investments, including machinery and equipment, is a significant measure for agriculture.

“Farmers know that staying competitive means continually investing in equipment, technology and their operations, but those investments come at a significant cost," said APAS President Bill Prybylski. "APAS has been calling for tax measures that make those investments more affordable. This budget delivers on an important priority we've been advancing on behalf of Saskatchewan producers.”

The organization is also welcoming proposed changes to farm rollover provisions that would extend tax-deferred farm transfers to nieces and nephews beginning in 2027.

“Passing a farm to the next generation isn't always as simple as transferring it from a parent to a child or grandchild," said Prybylski. "Expanding these provisions recognizes that nieces, nephews and other family members can play an important role in carrying a farm forward. It gives farm families more flexibility to plan for the next generation.”

APAS also highlighted the federal government's commitment to a National Food Security Strategy, focused on strengthening domestic food production, improving grocery sector competition, expanding year-round fruit and vegetable production and reducing regulatory barriers.

"Food security starts with farm viability," said Prybylski. "You can't have a secure domestic food supply without profitable farms. For several years, APAS has highlighted the widening gap between farm-gate prices and grocery store prices through our annual *Farmers and Food Prices Report*. We welcome measures that improve transparency and competition in the food supply chain while recognizing the critical role producers play in feeding Canadians."

The budget also contains several important policy and regulatory measures that will help producers manage risk, access capital and remain competitive. APAS welcomes improvements to livestock tax deferral provisions, amendments to the Canadian Agricultural Loans Act to support financing and farm succession, investments in digital trade modernization, and regulatory updates designed to reduce administrative burden while maintaining strong protections for Canada's agriculture and food system.

“These are encouraging commitments, but the real test will be whether they make a difference on Saskatchewan farms," said Prybylski. "Farmers are dealing with high operating costs, market uncertainty and increasing pressure to remain competitive. We look forward to working with the federal government to ensure these measures deliver practical results for producers."

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