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Progress in National Food Security Strategy for Saskatchewan Agriculture

REGINA, SK – The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) has reviewed the federal government's newly released National Food Security Strategy, noting that the plan strongly aligns with most of the organization's priorities for the 2025 Federal Election. The strategy presents crucial investments and policy shifts which are set to directly benefit Saskatchewan producers, especially in the areas of market fairness, regulatory efficiency, and agricultural infrastructure.

"APAS is pleased that the National Food Security Strategy addresses many critical issues we advocate for, including reducing market concentration and expediting regulatory approvals for essential farm inputs," noted APAS President, Bill Prybylski. "We are particularly encouraged by the government's announcement of a task force on intergenerational farm transfers as we highlight this as a critical priority for the Next Policy Framework".

Key strategy components aligned with APAS advocacy efforts:

- **Market Power** - Enhancement of the Competition Bureau's enforcement capabilities.
- **Strengthening Supply Chains** - Speeding up critical infrastructure projects to reduce bottlenecks.
- **Regulatory Efficiency and Innovation** - Commitment to eliminate approval backlogs and reduce future approval times for seed, feed, and fertilizers by at least one-third.
- **Domestic Value-Added Processing** - New \$350 million Strategic Response Fund and \$1 billion Agri-food Project Finance Fund to enhance processing of commodities domestically.
- **Financial Predictability** - Maintenance of the Advance Payment Program's interest-free limits to support necessary cash flow for farmers.
- **Temporary Use Permits for Certain Pesticides** - Introduction of regulatory powers to temporarily allow specific pesticides when needed for national food or economic security.

"Alongside the 2024 increase to the Lifetime Capital Gains Exemption and doubling financing to \$1M for young farmers under the Canadian Agricultural Loans Act, these initiatives are pivotal for sustaining family farms and supporting the next generation of Saskatchewan's agricultural sector," Prybylski added. "The strategy is a starting point, and ongoing work and collaboration are needed to create action."

APAS looks forward to continued collaboration with the government to ensure the effective implementation of these strategies, reinforcing the long-term viability and prosperity of Canadian agriculture.

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