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### **Clarity on Seeding Deadlines as Producers Assess Risk During Delayed Spring**

REGINA, SK – The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is working with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) to support clear and timely information for producers navigating seeding decisions during a delayed spring.

APAS has heard from producers across the province who are seeking a better understanding of how recommended seeding dates and the final seeding deadline relate to crop insurance coverage, particularly as cold and wet conditions have significantly slowed seeding progress.

Spring seeding remains well behind normal. As of May 18, seeding in the province was 29% complete, compared to 72% at the same time last year and a 10-year average of 52%. In some regions, including the northeast and northwest, progress remains limited while recommended seeding dates are approaching.

SCIC recently shared additional information outlining how seeding dates apply within the Crop Insurance Program. This includes confirmation that crops remain insurable up to the final seeding deadline of June 20. Losses that are not related to the seeding date, like drought disease, wind, and hail, are all insured. Seeding beyond the recommended dates identified in the SCIC Seeding Date Tool carries increased risk, as producers may have reduced claims if their losses are abnormal compared to other producers in the area.

Producers planning to seed beyond recommended seeding dates are encouraged to contact their local SCIC Customer Service Office to discuss how timing may affect their individual coverage and risk.

“We welcome SCIC’s assurances that area-wide delays will not unduly penalize farmers. Producers need this kind of clear and timely information so they can make sound seeding and business decisions,” said APAS President Bill Prybylski. “This has been a challenging spring and having a clear understanding of how recommended seeding dates affect risk and coverage is critical. We encourage producers to connect directly with SCIC to ensure they have the information they need.”

APAS encourages continued efforts to ensure important information reaches producers as efficiently as possible. While recent communication from SCIC provides helpful clarification, broader outreach will help ensure it reaches producers during a busy seeding season. APAS recommends expanding communications to include additional channels such as social media and other accessible formats to better reach producers while they are actively working in the field.

APAS will continue to work with the Ministry of Agriculture and SCIC to support clear, consistent, and practical communication that helps producers make informed decisions during the 2026 growing season.

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