



APAS pleased with Saskatchewan's budget for Agriculture

March 23, 2022 (Regina, SK) – The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is supportive of the provincial government's 2022-23 budget for the Ministry of Agriculture.

"While the province continues to manage the debt after COVID-19, APAS remains appreciative of the government programs geared towards helping agriculture thrive in Saskatchewan," APAS President Ian Boxall said. "Given the higher crop values and crop production costs, we are especially appreciative to see the increase in Crop Insurance coverage for 2022-23."

APAS is appreciative of the \$338.5 million investment to fund business risk management programs. Among the programs included in the budget are Crop Insurance, AgriStability, AgriInvest, and Western Livestock Price Insurance.

"Producers are coming off of a historic drought and heading into one of the most unpredictable years on record," Boxall said. "It's important for the provincial government to support producers in case another drought is on the way this summer."

APAS is also appreciative of new investments in research, irrigation, and PST measures to support agriculture.

Moving forward, APAS would like to see the provincial government continue to invest in programs such as AgriInvest, AgriStability and AgriRecovery to help producers through challenging times, be it economically or due to drought.

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