

AgriStability:

- Restore margin coverage through performance and participation incentives
 - “Claims-free incentive” of increased % margin coverage (e.g., 2%) for every year without claim, up to maximum 85% reference margin coverage
 - “Participation incentive” of increase % compensation rate (currently 70 cents on dollar) for every year of participation, regardless of payment history, up to maximum 80%
- Treat payments from crop Insurance the same as private insurance by excluding 40% of crop insurance indemnities from margin revenue in recognition of producers’ share of premium costs
- Make the 75% interim benefit option permanent and provide multi-year repayment schedules when overpayments are caused by errors and subsequent year adjustments
- Align program applications and margin calculations with information already inputted through income tax filings, crop insurance reports, and financial management software such as Ag Expert.
- Establish a reference margin of 125% “area average” margin for beginning producers who don’t financial history to develop personalized margin.

AgriInvest:

- Allow producers to withdraw from Fund 1 (non-taxable) and Fund 2 (taxable) on 50:50 basis to reduce the tax burden when funds are used to manage falling income
- Provide beginning farmers a kickstart contribution of 3.25% of ANS for the first 5 years of operation but at same total funding cap (currently \$10,000) that exists for other participants.
- Exclude purchase of breeding stock (i.e., bred heifers) and chemical/TUA costs that bundled with seed (e.g., canola) when calculating Allowable Net Sales

AgriRecovery:

- Reform AgriRecovery framework into a comprehensive disaster response program. Key components include:
 - Using existing monitoring systems to trigger assessment and program response (AAFC Drought Monitor, CFIA Reportable Disease)
 - Make triggers accessible to affected producers and communities. Example: formal process for responding to disaster declaration
 - Expand focus from recovery to prevention for situations when losses are predictable and early steps can losses and facilitate recovery
 - Initiate “linked mitigation reviews” following each program initiative to determine the need for continuing support, policy, and program changes to prevent or mitigate impact of future events.

AgriInsurance:

- Recognize the importance of AgriInsurance in the current BRM suite as an effective model that should be expanded to address production and price risk in other sectors:
 - Provide Livestock Price Insurance Program with the same 60% government contribution to premiums that is afforded to other sectors
 - Work with producers to expand price insurance offerings to sheep and other interested sectors
 - Expand the network of weather stations, satellite imagery and other weather-based technologies to make insurance decisions more accurate and consistent

Trade & Market Development:

- Improve program access for smaller acre crops and niche commodities by providing them with more flexible funding arrangement when they can't meet full cost-share requirements
- Create a dedicated program stream to deal with "ad hoc and emerging trade issues". This would be available at the request of affected sectors, and follow the proposed AgriRecovery structure assessment, program response, and linked mitigation review.

Research & Innovation:

- Recognize sustainability benefits of publicly funded crop development and livestock research – better tolerance to drought, disease, production efficiency
- Restore federal funding for all research stages from discovery science to commercialization
- Strengthen research partnership with smaller acre crops and niche commodities by providing more flexible funding agreements
- Ensure continued federal support for regionally directed research and extension activities

Environment & Climate Change:

- Recognize Guelph Statement sustainability goals as distinct policy demands on the framework requiring support through additional funding envelop
- Ensure there is provincial flexibility to offer regionally appropriate Environmental Farm Plans and Beneficial Management Practices
- Help support producer participation in incentive-based programs, such as offsets, habitat conservation, emissions reduction, environmental stewardship through access to extension services and development of verification platforms
- Better program integration and improved access to extension services to increase uptake and maximize outcomes. Increased focus on adaptation, water management, development, and irrigation with expanded scope for projects at the community level

Other NonBRM Strategic Initiatives:

- Value Added Processing initiatives - support on-farm value-added activities and improve resiliency for supply-chains, especially for livestock. Investments must clearly enhance market opportunities and financial returns to primary producers as opposed to established processors or multinational food corporations.
- Public Trust and Community Engagement – continue support to help the sector engage publicly, increase agricultural awareness, build trust in evidence-based regulations, and promote Canadian and Saskatchewan agricultural products in domestic markets.
- Beginning Farmers and Workforce Development – invest in targeted programs to help develop skills and assist young producers. Work closely with producer to recruit and retain employees in the primary agricultural workforce.