

Considerations for hay and salvage crop during a drought

The Ministry of Agriculture is here to answer questions and provide assistance with managing your hay and salvage crop during a drought.

Staff are available to offer assistance to producers of livestock, crops and forage. To access advice and support, contact the Agriculture Knowledge Centre or your local Ministry of Agriculture Regional Office:

Agriculture Knowledge Centre 1-866-457-2377			
Humboldt	306-682-6701	Kindersley	306-463-5513
Moose Jaw	1-866-457-2377	North Battleford	306-446-7962
Outlook	306-867-5527	Prince Albert	306-953-2363
Swift Current	306-778-8285	Tisdale	306-878-8842
Weyburn	306-848-2857	Yokrton	306-786-1531

If at any time you or someone you know are experiencing symptoms of stress, please contact the Farm Stress Line at 1-800-667-4442. This service provides confidential help 24/7.

Buy/Sell Hay and Feed

Hay and feed can be bought and sold online. There are a number places to view and list feed for sale using buy, sell and trade websites, such as:

- [AG Buy and Sell](#)
- Facebook Groups
 - [Alberta Hay and Feed Directory](#)
 - [Hay and feed for sale in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba](#)
 - [SCA's Feed and Forage Wanted and For Sale](#)
- [Kijiji](#)
- [Internet Hay Exchange](#)
- [Manitoba Government Hay Listing Service](#)

Buy Supplements from Manufactured/Processed Feed Companies

If you are looking to purchase supplements, saskatchewan.ca has a list of [Manufactured/Processed Feed Companies](#).

Feed Management and Testing

It is always important to test your water and feed sources. Nutrient content of feedstuffs varies greatly based on season, agronomics and maturity. Some points to remember:

- Alternative feeds require careful management when used in livestock diets.
- Alternative and salvage feeds can accumulate [nitrates](#), Sulphur or have other anti-nutritional factors that need to be tested for and managed.
- Remember to check the label of any product applied to crops salvaged for feed; some products will make the crop unsuitable for livestock feed.

Your nutritionist or local livestock and feed extension specialist can help ensure that your feed rations meet the animals' changing requirements.

For more information, including a [Feed Management list](#), visit saskatchewan.ca/agriculture.

Water Testing

The Ministry of Agriculture provides water screening and testing services through its regional offices and participating Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) offices. This service is available at no charge, provided the water is for livestock use and the livestock producer has a registered Premises Identification (PID) number in Saskatchewan.

Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program

The Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP) is designed to develop secure and sustainable water sources to mitigate the impact of drought. Water sources such as wells, dugouts and pipelines must be for agricultural use like crop spraying and livestock watering.

Rebates are based on a 50/50 cost-share of costs and components for up to \$50,000 maximum in rebates.

For more information, visit saskatchewan.ca/agriculture.

Attention livestock producers:

From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022, the maximum rebate under FRWIP will increase to \$150,000. This temporary increase applies to new projects with start dates after April 1, 2021. Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2022.

The additional \$100,000 will be on a 70/30 government-producer cost-share.