

The Agriculture Administration Act

being

Chapter A-15.01 (effective February 26, 1979) as amended by the *Statutes of Saskatchewan*, 1979, c 15; 1980-81, c 49; 1982-83, c 16; 1983, c 3 and c 11; 1991, c T-1.1; 1993, c 55; 1996, c 28 and c 43; 1997, c 33; 1998, c P-4.1; 2000, c 40 and c 50; 2002, c 17; 2004, c 10 and c 36; 2010, c 1; 2014, c E-13.1; 2020, c 13; and 2022, c 41.

Formerly

Chapter D-8 of *The Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan*, 1978.

*NOTE: The chapter number and Title of this Act were changed by [SS 2014, c E-13.1](#).

NOTE:

This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.

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CHAPTER A-15.01

An Act respecting Agriculture

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Agriculture Administration Act*.

RSS 1978, cD-8, s2; 2000, c40, s4; 2002, c17, s4; 2014, cE-13.1, s39.

Interpretation

1.1 In this Act:

(a) **Repealed.** 2014, cE-13.1, s39.

(b) “**minister**” means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of this Act is assigned;

(c) “**ministry**” means the ministry over which the minister presides.

1983, c3, s3; 2000, c40, s5; 2002, c17, s5; 2014, cE-13.1, s39.

2 **Repealed.** 2014, cE-13.1, s39.

3 **Repealed.** 2014, cE-13.1, s39.

4 **Repealed.** 2014, cE-13.1, s39.

Scope

5 All that part of the administration of the Government of Saskatchewan relating to agriculture and food shall be under the control of the ministry.

RSS 1978, cD-8, s5; 2000, c40, s9; 2014, cE-13.1, s39.

Duties

6 The minister shall:

(a) **Repealed.** 2014, cE-13.1, s39.

(b) promote the agricultural or agri-food interests of the province;

(c) encourage the production and processing of, and facilitate the marketing of, field and garden crops, live stock and livestock products;

(d) promote and encourage co-operation among agriculturalists;

(e) institute inquiries and collect facts and statistics relating to agriculture, agri-food or other interests of Saskatchewan; and

(f) issue such reports, statistics, circulars and other publications as he deems advisable.

RSS 1978, cD-8, s6; 2000, c40, s10; 2014, cE-13.1, s39.

Assistance to agricultural and food industries

7(1) Subject to Part IV of *The Executive Government Administration Act*, the minister may, on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, enter into any agreement with the Government of Canada or the government of any other province or territory or with any person, agency, organization, association, enterprise, institution or body within or outside Saskatchewan that the minister considers necessary or advisable for the following purposes:

- (a) improving the agricultural or agri-food industries;
- (b) assisting persons engaged in the agricultural or agri-food industries;
- (c) furthering agricultural or food testing, research, demonstration, processing and production.

(2) For the purposes of carrying out an agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (1), the minister may do any of the following:

- (a) provide assistance by way of grants, conditional grants or loans;
- (b) enter into funding agreements, patent agreements, intellectual property agreements, royalty agreements, commercial marketing agreements or convertible repayment agreements;
- (c) enter into any other type of agreement that the minister considers appropriate.

2000, c 40, s 11; 2014, c E-13.1, s 39.

Power of minister to acquire personal property

7.1 For the purposes mentioned in subsection 7(1), the minister may, on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan:

- (a) acquire, by purchase or otherwise, personal property, including securities;
- (b) insure, maintain or repair any property acquired by the minister pursuant to clause (a);
- (c) sell, transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of any property acquired by the minister pursuant to clause (a), on any terms and conditions that the minister considers appropriate; and
- (d) determine the form of and enter into any security agreement that the minister considers necessary.

2000, c 40, s 11.

8 Repealed. 2014, c E-13.1, s 39.

9 Repealed. 2000, c 40, s 13.

9.1 Repealed. 2014, c E-13.1, s 39.

International aid

9.2 The minister may, in consultation with any groups or organizations that he considers appropriate, develop a program whereby the Government of Saskatchewan may provide financial assistance for the purposes of international aid or development.

1983, c 11, s 19; 2000, c 40, s 14; 2014, c E-13.1, s 39.

Grants

10 Subject to such regulations as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may prescribe, the minister may, out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, make grants or awards to operators of family farms, as defined in *The Family Farm Credit Act*, and any of the members of their families, whose record of achievement in agriculture, or agriculture and food, and of service to their community has been of outstanding significance.

RSS 1978, cD-8, s10; 2000, c40, s15.

11 Repealed. 2014, cE-13.1, s39.

Persons required to furnish information

12(1) All officers of agricultural societies, rural and urban municipalities, school boards, the conseil scolaire, public institutions and incorporated companies, threshing machine operators, public officers of the province, medical practitioners and veterinary surgeons shall promptly answer communications from the ministry, shall from time to time collect and tabulate facts according to instructions furnished to them by the ministry, and shall make diligent efforts to supply correct information on all questions submitted to them.

(2) A person mentioned in subsection (1) who neglects or refuses to comply with that subsection, when requested to do so by the minister, is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$25.

RSS 1978, cD-8, s12; 1982-83, c16, s12; 1993, c55, s173; 2014, cE-13.1, s39; 2020, c13, s3.

Power to enter upon land

13(1) The minister may, by surveyors, engineers, agrologists, workers and servants, enter on any land to whomsoever belonging, and survey and take levels of the land and take any borings and samples from the surface or lower levels of the land that the minister considers necessary for any purpose relating to the development, study or investigation of any irrigation, drainage, flood control, water storage, underground water or land reclamation project, the development, study or investigation of which the minister considers to be in the public interest.

(2) Subsection (1) applies only if the minister or a person acting on the minister's behalf has requested the owner or occupant of the land to grant permission to enter upon the land and permission has not been granted.

(3) If, pursuant to subsection (1), land is entered on, every person entering, and every person after that entry, who does anything that is authorized by the minister to be done pursuant to that subsection shall take any reasonable precautions that may be necessary to avoid causing unnecessary damage to the land, and if any damage is done the minister shall pay to the owner of the land a reasonable sum to compensate the owner for the damage.

(4) No person shall obstruct, hinder or molest a surveyor, engineer, agrologist, worker or servant engaged in doing anything that the surveyor, engineer, agrologist, worker or servant is under subsection (1) authorized by the minister to do.

RSS 1978, cD-8, s13; 2020, c13, s3.

14 Repealed. 2022, c 41, s 3.

15 Repealed. 2022, c 41, s 3.

16 Repealed. 1998, c P-4.1, s 15.

17 Repealed. 1998, c P-4.1, s 15.

17.1 Repealed. 2022, c 41, s 3.

Transfer of assets and liabilities from the Agri-Food Equity Fund

17.11(1) In this section and in sections 17.12 and 17.13, “**former fund**” means the Agri-Food Equity Fund established pursuant to section 17.2, as that section existed on the day before the coming into force of this section.

(2) Subject to section 17.12, this section applies notwithstanding any other Act or law or any provision in any agreement entered into by the minister on or before the coming into force of this section.

(3) On the day on which this section comes into force:

(a) the assets and liabilities of the former fund are transferred to and become the assets and liabilities of the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan; and

(b) the former fund is wound-up.

(4) On the transfer of the assets and liabilities mentioned in subsection (3), the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan:

(a) may deal with the assets and exercise the rights with respect to the assets in the same manner as the minister was entitled to before the coming into force of this section; and

(b) shall discharge the liabilities to the same extent as the minister was obliged to do before the coming into force of this section.

(5) For the purposes of every registry office and other public office in Saskatchewan, this Act is, on the coming into force of this section, a valid grant, conveyance, transfer and assignment to the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan of the assets and liabilities of the former fund.

(6) Subject to subsection (7), it is not necessary to register or file this Act, or register, file or issue any further or other instrument, document or certificate, or make any entry showing the transfer or assignment to the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan of the assets and liabilities of the former fund.

(7) If an instrument dealing with any of the assets or liabilities of the former fund is presented by the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan for registration in a registry office or other public office in Saskatchewan, the instrument is to be accompanied by an affidavit of the proper officer of the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan stating that this section applies to the assets or liabilities described in the instrument.

Further transfers

17.12(1) In this section, “**former fund assets and liabilities**” means the assets and liabilities of the former fund that were transferred to the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan pursuant to clause 17.11(3)(a).

(2) The minister may transfer any former fund assets and liabilities from the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan to any other ministry, agency or Crown corporation.

(3) Subsections 17.11(2), (4), (5), (6) and (7) apply, with any necessary modification, to a transfer of former fund assets and liabilities pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

2002, c 17, s 8; 2014, c E-13.1, s 39.

Transitional – winding-up of the Agri-Food Equity Fund

17.13(1) Notwithstanding the winding-up of the former fund pursuant to section 17.11, the Provincial Auditor or any other auditor or firm of auditors that the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint shall audit the accounts and financial statements of the former fund:

- (a) for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2002; and
- (b) for the period ending on the date on which the former fund is wound-up.

(2) Notwithstanding the winding-up of the former fund pursuant to section 17.11, the department shall, in accordance with *The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991*, submit to the minister a report on the activities of the former fund and a financial statement showing the business of the former fund:

- (a) for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2002; and
- (b) for the period ending on the date on which the former fund is wound-up.

(3) The financial statement mentioned in subsection (2) is to be in a form required by Treasury Board.

(4) In accordance with *The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991*, the minister shall lay before the Legislative Assembly each report and financial statement received by the minister pursuant to subsection (2).

2002, c 17, s 8.

17.2 Repealed. 2002, c 17, s 9.

17.3 Repealed. 2002, c 17, s 9.

17.4 Repealed. 2002, c 17, s 9.

18 to 28 Repealed. 1983, c 3, s 4.

Regulations

29 For the purposes of carrying out this Act according to its intent, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) defining, enlarging or restricting the meaning of any word or expression used in this Act but not defined in this Act;

- (b) **Repealed.** 2002, c 17, s 10.

- (c) **Repealed.** 2002, c17, s10.
- (d) **Repealed.** 2002, c17, s10.
- (e) **Repealed.** 2002, c17, s10.
- (f) prescribing any matter or thing required or authorized by this Act to be prescribed in the regulations;
- (g) respecting any matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable to carry out the intent of this Act.

1997, c 33, s 4; 2002, c 17, s 10.

30 Repealed. 2000, c50, s5.