

The Saskatchewan Agricultural Returns Stabilization Act

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NOTE:

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An Act respecting the Stabilization of Returns from the Production of Agricultural Commodities

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Saskatchewan Agricultural Returns Stabilization Act*.

R.S.S. 1978, c.S-6, s.1.

Interpretation

2 In this Act:

“commodity”

(a) “**commodity**” means any agricultural commodity as defined for the purposes of this Act by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and includes any class of agricultural commodities;

“fund”

(b) “**fund**” means The Saskatchewan Agricultural Returns Stabilization Fund established under section 5;

“minister”

(c) “**minister**” means the Minister of Agriculture;

“producer”

(d) “**producer**” means any producer of commodities as defined for the purposes of this Act by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and includes any class of producers of commodities;

“program”

(e) “**program**” includes any program, arrangement, proposal, plan, scheme or similar measure established under section 3;

“returns”

(f) “**returns**” means returns on commodities as defined for the purposes of this Act by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

1974-75, c.43, s.2; R.S.S. 1978, c.S-6, s.2.

Minister may make agreements establishing programs

3 The minister with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, enter into agreements with the Government of Canada or any of its agencies, or with the Government of Canada together with the government of any province of Canada or agency of the government of any province of Canada to establish programs to provide in any way for the paying of moneys to or guaranteeing returns on commodities to producers for the purpose of stabilizing returns to producers.

1974-75, c.43, s.3; R.S.S. 1978, c.S-6, s.3.

Power to classify producers and commodities and to impose charges or assessments

4 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, for the purpose of carrying out any program:

- (a) classify producers into classes of producers;
- (b) classify commodities into classes of commodities;

(iii) administer the fund;

(c) prescribe the powers and duties of a corporation, branch or agency established under clause (a) or of a corporation, association, organization or individual appointed under clause (b);

(d) enter into any contracts that are necessary to carry out a program;

(e) on any terms and conditions he considers advisable, appoint any board or commission established under *The Natural Products Marketing Act*, to collect any charges or assessments from producers and to make payments to producers pursuant to this Act.

(2) Where a board or commission established under *The Natural Products Marketing Act*, is appointed for the purposes mentioned in clause (e) of subsection (1), that board or commission shall have the power to collect charges or assessments from producers and to make payments to producers on the terms and conditions prescribed by the minister.

1974-75, c.43, s.8; R.S.S. 1978, c.S-6, s.8.

Loans

9 Subject to section 11 and subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council and to any terms and conditions he may prescribe, the Minister of Finance may, without any other or further authority or appropriation that is provided by this section, make loans out of the consolidated fund to the corporation, branch, agency, organization or individual charged with the administration of the fund for any of the purposes of the fund.

1974-75, c.43, s.9; R.S.S. 1978, c.S-6, s.9.

Borrowing powers of Minister of Finance

10(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize the Minister of Finance from time to time to raise by way of loan upon the credit of the province such sums of money, within the limitation prescribed by section 11, the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Loans authorized under subsection (1) shall be raised in accordance with *The Saskatchewan Loans Act* and may be borrowed for any term or terms not exceeding thirty years.

(3) Money raised under this section shall be paid into the consolidated fund and the balance, after deduction and payment of discount and commission applicable to the loan, shall be advanced by the Minister of Finance to the fund for the purposes of this Act by way of advances in such amounts, at such times and upon such terms as may be determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(4) The Minister of Finance shall be reimbursed from money in the fund for all charges and expenses incurred in raising money under this section.

1974-75, c.43, s.10; R.S.S. 1978, c.S-6, s.10.

Limitation on loans and advances

11 The aggregate principal amount of loans outstanding under section 9 and of advances made under section 10 shall not at any one time exceed \$100,000,000.

1974-75, c.43, s.11; R.S.S. 1978, c.S-6, s.11.

Appropriation

12 Moneys required for the purposes of this Act may be paid out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose.

1974-75, c.43, s.12; R.S.S. 1978, c.S-6, s.12.

Fiscal year

13 The fiscal year of the fund shall be the period commencing on the first day of April in one calendar year and ending on the last day of March in the next calendar year, both dates inclusive.

1974-75, c.43, s.13; R.S.S. 1978, c.S-6, s.13.

Audit

14 The Provincial Auditor shall audit annually the accounts and the financial statement of the fund.

1974-75, c.43, s.14; R.S.S. 1978, c.S-6, s.14.

Annual report

15(1) The minister shall, in accordance with *The Tabling of Documents Act*, cause to be prepared a report and financial statements on the administration of the fund for the immediately preceding fiscal year and the financial statements shall be in such form as may be required by the Treasury Board.

(2) The minister shall, in accordance with *The Tabling of Documents Act*, lay before the Legislative Assembly each report and financial statement prepared under subsection (1).

1974-75, c.43, s.15; R.S.S. 1978, c.S-6, s.15.

Regulations

16 For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act according to their intent, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations that are ancillary to and that are not inconsistent with the intent and provisions of this Act and every regulation made under and in accordance with the authority granted by this section has the force of law and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) defining any word or expression that is mentioned in section 2 as requiring definition by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
- (b) defining any word or expression used in this Act but not defined in this Act;
- (c) establishing a fund under section 5;
- (d) respecting programs and specifying the producers and the commodities to which any program shall apply;
- (e) classifying producers into classes of producers;
- (f) classifying commodities into classes of commodities;
- (g) prescribing the basis and amount of any charges or assessments required to be paid under section 4;
- (h) prescribing the manner of payment and collection of charges or assessments required to be paid under section 4;

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- (i) exempting any producer or commodity or class of producer or class of commodity from the provisions of this Act;
- (j) prescribing the powers and duties of a corporation, branch or agency established under section 8 or of a corporation, association, organization or individual appointed under section 8;
- (k) prescribing the terms and conditions of any loans made under section 9;
- (l) prescribing the terms and conditions of any advances to the fund under section 10.

1974-75, c.43, s.16; R.S.S. 1978, c.S-6, s.16.

