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KAP Welcomes Flood Assistance Program Expansion

Winnipeg – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is encouraged by the federal and provincial announcement on the expansion of the Manitoba Forage Restoration and Feed Assistance Program. Eligible producers who were affected by excess moisture in 2008 in the RMs of Dauphin, Ochre River, Ste. Rose du Lac, Glenella, McCreary, Lakeview, Woodlands, St. Andrews, and Rockwood will now be able to apply for assistance.

“We’re pleased to see this expansion and we hope it will help those producers who are still facing challenges related to re-establishing forage crops and pasture as well as covering the costs of feed for breeding stock,” said Ian Wishart, KAP President.

The Manitoba Forage Restoration and Feed Assistance Program includes the Manitoba Forage Restoration Program which allows producers with land affected by flooding in 2008 to apply for up to \$40 per acre to re-establish forage crops, forage seed fields and pasture. The other component of the programming is the Manitoba Livestock Feed Assistance Program, through which cattle producers can receive funds to help cover the cost of feed for breeding stock with payments of up to \$70 per head. Payments for other types of breeding stock are also available under the program. Producers may also be eligible for a one-year tax deferral on the sale of breeding livestock.

“The flooding this spring has created more hurdles for producers in areas that were flooded last year, and any additional assistance will hopefully help producers restore their operations and continue on this season,” said Wishart.

Producers can access more information about the Manitoba Forage Restoration and Feed Assistance Program by contacting the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) or their local MAFRI GO Centre office. Land restoration assistance for crop fields is also available to eligible producers through the province’s Disaster Financial Assistance program. For more information, contact local MAFRI GO Centre offices.

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