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Forage Program Provides Needed Help

Winnipeg – Despite this year having what many people are calling “the crop of a lifetime,” a number of farmers across the province are watching their crops wither or float away because of drought or flooding. Grain and livestock farmers are affected, as many producers rely on good crops to feed their animals over the coming year.

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is pleased that the provincial government has acted quickly to announce a forage assistance program. It will help farmers who have no choice but to move their feed much greater distances or to move their livestock to a different pasture.

“When we see forage crop failures in areas that have livestock, there is an immediate concern that needs to be dealt with quickly,” says KAP President Ian Wishart. “It’s an animal health issue, it increases the financial strain on farmers, and plans need to be made quickly to ensure an adequate feed supply.”

KAP is encouraging all farmers who need forage assistance to contact their local government office to get more information about the Manitoba Forage Assistance Program. Farmers across the province who are enjoying bountiful crops could also consider dropping their straw instead of chopping it, as this may also be in short supply.

KAP will continue to monitor the situation in areas experiencing flooding or drought conditions, and will make recommendations to government on any additional support that may be required.

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