



ALBERTA  
AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION

*Office of the Minister  
MLA, Highwood*

October 27, 2023,

Dear Stakeholders:

As announced on October 20, 2023, the governments of Alberta and Canada are partnering on the 2023 Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance response to support livestock producers facing extraordinary costs due to this year's dry conditions.

Additional program details were released today and applications will open on October 30, 2023.

Unlike the 2021 Canada-Alberta Livestock Feed Assistance program, this AgriRecovery response is targeted to areas of the province impacted by severe drought conditions.

Livestock producers who altered their usual grazing practices due to drought conditions for more than 21 days can apply for financial support to cover losses incurred to manage and maintain breeding animals such as cattle, bison, horses, elk, sheep, goats, alpacas, yak, musk ox, deer, water buffalo and llamas. A minimum of 15 animals per type of livestock are required to qualify.

Benefits will be based on a feed-need calculation resulting from lost grazing days for eligible female breeding animals on hand as of December 31, 2023.

- A minimum of 21 lost grazing days are required to qualify.
- Geographic eligibility is determined by a drought area map.
- Producers may need to submit proof of costs incurred or appropriate documents for the extraordinary expenses.

I have attached a fact sheet to help you answer questions from your members. You can find this morning's news release here: <https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=89169710EB404-B168-8BC7-21C0FE8D9A866527>.

**Livestock producers can get more information and apply online here:**  
<https://afsc.ca/income-stabilization/aqrirecovery/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Sigurdson'.

Honourable RJ Sigurdson  
Minister, Agriculture and Irrigation

Enclosures

cc: Jason Hale, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation  
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