



ALBERTA
AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Highwood*

October 20, 2023

Dear Stakeholders:

As a follow-up to my August 21, 2023 letter, I am pleased to share that after many discussions with the federal government, they have agreed to partner with the Government of Alberta on the delivery of the 2023 Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Assistance Program. The funding for this joint AgriRecovery initiative is cost-shared through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, with the federal government providing \$99 million and Alberta providing \$66 million.

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation will administer the initiative. Livestock producers with grazing animals will be able to apply for financial support to cover expenses they incurred due to lost grazing days and extraordinary transportation costs. For example, eligible producers could access up to \$150 per head for breeding animals. Program details are being finalized with the Government of Canada, and more information will be available soon at AFSC.ca.

Thank you for your patience as we negotiated this deal with the federal government. We are proud to help support the Alberta agriculture industry through this incredibly difficult year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Sigurdson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Honourable RJ Sigurdson
Minister, Agriculture and Irrigation

cc: Jason Hale, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation
Darryl Kay, Chief Executive Officer, Agriculture Financial Services Corporation