



The Honourable Brad Wall
Premier of Saskatchewan
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RE: Support of Changes to Provincial Disaster Assistance Program

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Dear Premier Wall,

The Grain Growers of Canada, on behalf of the 80,000 farmers represented by our membership organization, would like to commend you on your government's recent decision to raise the cap on the provincial disaster assistance program (PDAP) to \$500,000 from \$160,000.

Saskatchewan statistics show that less than 20% of the farmers produce over 80% of the agricultural commodities.

The reality of agriculture today is that there are business orientated farmers who are of a size and scale that they are successful and competitive in both the domestic and global markets.

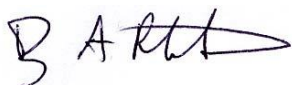
Past policies have often tried to achieve vague social engineering goals of trying to promote uneconomic hobby farms. The belief that government should try to reward a "smaller farm size" through its programs is an unfortunate socialist attempt of wealth equalization. Instead, policies should attempt to provide reasonable disaster assistance to those producers who form the successful core of Saskatchewan agriculture.

A low PDAP cap often punishes younger producers for initiative and expansion.

With this decision, your government properly recognizes the importance and viability of business orientated farms in Saskatchewan.

We look forward to continuing to work with your government to make agriculture and even bigger success story in the future.

Sincerely,



Doug Robertson
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