

Agriculture Budget Backgrounder

Budget Allocation	2009-10 (\$M)	2008-09 (\$M)
Business Risk Management Programs	376.7	221.3
Third Party Transfers	50.8	31.1
Ministry Operations	53.6	51.3
Total Appropriation	481.1	303.7
Capital	---	(0.3)
Amortization	2.3	2.5
Total Expense	483.4	305.9

Overall Budget – \$483.4M (\$177.5M increase from 2008-09)

- Represents a 58 per cent increase
- 87 per cent of increase goes to Business Risk Management Programs

Business Risk Management Programs - \$376.7M (\$155.4M increase from 2008-09)

- Crop Insurance - \$155.1M
- Moving AgriStability Administration to Saskatchewan - \$22M
- 2009 AgriStability Program - \$160.6M
- AgriInvest - \$39M

Third Party Transfers - \$50.8M (\$19.7M increase from 2008-09)

- \$20.2M for the Crown Land Sale Incentive Program
- \$14.2M for research projects (same funding level as 2008-09)
- \$5.0M for Federal-Provincial Growing Forward agreement – non-Business Risk Management Programs
 - Includes a province-wide water infrastructure program
 - Details of Growing Forward agreement will be announced in early April
- \$4.0M in funding for the Comprehensive Pest Control Program
 - Gopher Control Rebate Program - \$2.93M
 - Fieldworker Program - \$600,000 (eg. control of rats, dutch elm disease, etc.)
 - Livestock Predation Program - \$350,000 (eg. control of wild boars, coyotes, etc.)
 - Black Fly Control Program - \$125,000 (control of black flies in Northern SK)
- \$1.0M in funding for SaskBio Program
- \$5.4M in assistance to industry organizations
 - Includes \$800,000 in grant increases (eg. Prairie Diagnostic Services, Agribition, Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan, Food Centre, etc.)
- \$1.0M for miscellaneous items

Ministry Operations - \$53.6M (\$2.3M increase from 2008-09)

- Covers salary & inflationary increases