

## **Canada-Saskatchewan Excess Moisture Program BACKGROUND**

- Under the Canada-Saskatchewan Excess Moisture Program (EMP), the federal and provincial governments are providing \$30 per eligible acre to Saskatchewan producers who had land this spring that was too wet to seed as of June 20 or seeded crop lost because of flooding on or before July 31, 2010.
- EMP payments to Saskatchewan producers are estimated at \$360 million. The funding will be cost shared; 60 per cent will come from the federal government and 40 per cent from the provincial government. Saskatchewan's share represents the largest one-time provincial agricultural disaster response in Saskatchewan's history.
- All Saskatchewan producers are eligible for the program.
- Due to heavy persistent rain throughout the spring and early summer in Saskatchewan an estimated 8 million acres of land has gone unseeded and another 4 million acres of seeded crop has been drowned out due to the excessive moisture.
- The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) will administer the EMP.
- In addition to this support, Crop Insurance customers can also receive existing Unseeded Acreage benefits of \$50 per eligible acre, Establishment Benefits for crops that failed to establish as of June 20, as well as full yield loss coverage on crops that established and were flooded out after June 20.
- Funding will start being distributed to producers in early August and is in addition to an estimated \$300 million in Crop Insurance payments to producers from Crop Insurance's Unseeded Acreage and Establishment Benefit programs.
- Saskatchewan Crop Insurance customers will not have to apply for this support unless established crop was flooded between June 20 and July 31, 2010. If a customer has lost crop due to flooding between June 20 and July 31, which was not included in a previously registered claim with Crop Insurance, then an EMP application will need to be completed for those additional flooded acres.
- Producers not enrolled in Crop Insurance who could not get their land seeded by June 20 or lost crop because of flooding on or before July 31 will need to fill out an application form.
- For more information or to apply for the Canada-Saskatchewan Excess Moisture Program, producers can contact SCIC:
  - toll-free at 1-888-935-0000
  - on-line [www.saskcropinsurance.com](http://www.saskcropinsurance.com)
  - e-mail [customer.service@scic.gov.sk.ca](mailto:customer.service@scic.gov.sk.ca)
  - contact any of the 21 Customer Service Offices across the province
- Applications are also available at RM offices.
- The deadline to apply for the EMP is September 30, 2010.
- The funding for this program comes from AgriRecovery, which is part of the federal-provincial Growing Forward Business Risk Management Suite. AgriRecovery is a disaster relief framework which provides a coordinated process for federal, provincial and territorial governments to respond rapidly when disasters strike, filling gaps not covered by existing programs.

- Producers' seeding intensity will be taken into account. The seeding intensity calculates the producer's average percentage of land seeded for the previous two years. This calculation ensures the EMP compensates only for acres that are normally seeded.
- There are no deductibles applied to the EMP.
- SCIC adjusters may verify acres that are too wet to seed or had crop lost due to flooding.