

## **Saskatchewan Feed and Forage Program Backgrounder**

- The purpose of the Saskatchewan Feed and Forage Program (SFFP) is to provide:
  - Transportation funding assistance to Saskatchewan livestock producers who are short of pasture and/or feed due to excess moisture conditions; and
  - Financial assistance to Saskatchewan producers who reseed hay, forage or pasture land that has been damaged due to excess moisture conditions.
- The maximum payment per applicant is \$50,000.
- Applications must be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture's Financial Programs branch by September 30, 2011.

### **Transportation**

- For the transportation component, producers must have owned, leased, custom fed or custom grazed the eligible animals during the period June 1, 2010 to August 1, 2011 and must be the individual or entity responsible for the expenses related to the transportation of the eligible feed or eligible animals.
- Payments are made for feed or livestock transported from June 1, 2010 to August 1, 2011.
- Applicants must not have received or be receiving funding from the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) for transportation of the same animals or feed. This program will not cover costs already paid for under PDAP.
- Producers will be paid according to the schedule below. The payment is dependant on the total number of animals, tonnes of feed and miles moved, not number of loads. Transportation must have been a minimum of 15 miles per load to be eligible. The payment rate is as follows:
  - for silage, hay, straw and greenfeed: \$0.22/metric tonne/loaded mile
  - for concentrated feedstuffs (feed grain, screenings, etc.): \$0.22/metric tonne/loaded mile
  - for beef cattle, dairy cattle, bison, elk and horses: \$0.10/head/loaded mile
  - for sheep, goats, deer, reindeer, caribou, llamas and alpacas: \$0.04/head/loaded mile

### **Reseeding**

- For the reseeding component, producers must have owned or leased the eligible hay, forage or pasture land during the period June 1, 2010 to August 1, 2011.
- Payments are made for forage land reseeded from June 1, 2010 to August 1, 2011. Damage due to excess moisture must be the reason for having to undertake reseeding.
- Producers will be eligible to receive \$30 per reseeded acre for those acres damaged and reseeded due to excess moisture.
- Land must be reseeded to a perennial forage or perennial forage with an annual cover crop to be eligible.
- Applicants must not have received or be receiving funding from the Canada-Saskatchewan Excess Moisture Program (EMP) for reseeding of the same land.