

## Backgrounder: Agricultural Crown Land Sale Program

- Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture is offering a purchase incentive program to encourage the sale of eligible occupied agricultural Crown land
- All eligible agriculture Crown land is available for the incentive
  - Eligible is defined as: all current Crown land, held by a lessee that has no higher public value (i.e. sand and gravel, oil and gas, heritage or environmental concerns) or third-party interests;
  - Land that has been designated low ecological value under *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act*.
- **Phase 1:** 15% purchase incentive (Now to March 31, 2016)
- **Phase 2:** 10% purchase incentive (April 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016)
- **Phase 3:** 5% purchase incentive (January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017)
- Lessees are not required to purchase their lease land.
- If Lessees decide to not purchase their sale incentive eligible agriculture Crown lease, they should be aware that rental rates will be increasing on cultivated and previously cultivated lands in the 2016 and 2017 cropping seasons,
  - **2016 rental rates:** formula rate + 15%
  - **2017 rental rates:** formula rate + 30%
    - Note: These increases will not apply to native prairie pasture land (never been broken), former Federal community pasture lands or lands under lease to grazing co-ops.
- Crown land **not** eligible for incentive:
  - Land designated under *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act* as having high or moderate ecological value;
  - Crown land sold through public tenders;
  - Crown land sold through Treaty Land Entitlement;
- **For more information:** contact Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377 or visit [agriculture.gov.sk.ca/crown-land-sale](http://agriculture.gov.sk.ca/crown-land-sale)