

## **Wildfire Assistance**

The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) provides financial assistance to eligible claimants located in a municipality that has been designated eligible for assistance as a result of a substantial loss or damage to uninsurable, essential property. PDAP is a last resort program and not intended to compete with private insurers or to provide full compensation to those that incur a substantial loss.

### **Q. Why is PDAP assisting with the wildfires that occurred?**

A. PDAP will be assisting with certain costs incurred by farmers/ranchers as it has been determined insurance was not available for damages to pasture land caused by fire. If insurance or other programs should become accessible in the future, PDAP assistance will no longer be available.

### **Q. Who is eligible for assistance?**

A. In order to qualify for assistance, general PDAP eligibility guidelines must be met which include:

- Damages must have occurred in a rural municipality that has been designated as eligible for PDAP assistance.
- The annual gross revenues for the agricultural operation must be at least \$4,000 but not more than \$2.0 million.
- The operation must have less than 20 full-time employees.
- Proof of ownership of damaged property must be provided.
- 2016 Income must show income from livestock.
- Any of the damages incurred by an eligible claimant are not recoverable at law or from another government program.

PDAP eligibility criteria which can be found at <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/PDAP#eligibility>

### **Q. What damages are eligible for assistance?**

A. PDAP will assist with extra-ordinary feeding costs incurred by the producer and transportation costs associated with the extra-ordinary feed and/or pasture rental. These costs must be supported by receipts. Damage to the actual pasture land is not eligible for assistance. Any insurable losses, including death or illness of livestock, fences, buildings or damaged bales are not eligible.

**Q. How long will PDAP assist with extra-ordinary feeding costs?**

A. PDAP will assist with extra-ordinary feeding costs from the date of the fire until usual winter feeding begins.