



## Media Release

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### **SASKATCHEWAN'S STRUGGLING PORK PRODUCERS RECEIVE MUCH NEEDED PROVINCIAL SUPPORT**

The Saskatchewan pork industry expresses its gratitude to the Government of Saskatchewan for recognizing the urgent need for producer support for the hog sector. Pork producers are breathing a sigh of relief today with the announcement by Minister of Agriculture, Bob Bjournerud that the Province will contribute \$71 million in financial support to Saskatchewan's cattle and hog producers.

After incurring more than 18 months of sustained losses, producers are extremely pleased with this news. The Saskatchewan hog industry has been particularly hard hit over the past year having seen its breeding herd reduced and overall production decline by as much as 25%.

Joe Kleinsasser, Sask Pork's Chairman who attended today's announcement in Regina states "it's difficult to truly understand what our producers have been going through." "This welcome injection of funds will ease a portion of producers' losses and should help them to hang on a little longer until prices and world markets return to normal."

Sask Pork also applauds the Government of Saskatchewan for raising this issue at the national level over the past few weeks. We recognize that the Province has provided this assistance without any contribution by the federal government. We wholeheartedly concur with the Ministry of Agriculture that this is a national crisis that demands a national solution.

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