



ALP continues to advocate for Alberta producers amidst Federal and Provincial funding support announcements due to extreme weather

Our provincial government continues to work with the federal government on the 2021 Livestock Feed Assistance and AgriRecovery program approvals. AgriRecovery is a framework by which federal and provincial governments work collaboratively to assess the impact of natural disasters and deploy support programs, accordingly.

The 2021 Livestock Feed Assistance program is intended to go beyond beef. Subject to final approval, the program is looking at including sheep. ALP continues to advocate on behalf of our industry for the inclusion of sheep, as we know it is extremely important for our producers to have access to these program supports to be able to maintain their operations during the extreme weather conditions.

As you may have noticed in the federal announcement last Friday (<https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2021/08/government-of-canada-announces-100-million-in-agri-recovery-funding-to-further-support-farmers-facing-continued-extreme-weather.html>), if approved, the total amount would be \$340 million split 60-40 between the federal and provincial governments. The program will provide an immediate per head payment to help cover feed and water access costs for breeding females. Following, a second payment later in the year will be receipt-based. This approach is intended to be applied to all the eligible livestock (although the amount will vary as extraordinary costs also does vary by livestock).

ALP has been in constant communication with our provincial government and has verified that if Alberta's requested amount (\$204 million) for the 60% federal share is approved by the Federal Government, we would be looking at an initial payment of \$19 per head and a secondary payment of \$21 per head, totaling \$40 per head for sheep.

Producers do not need to be registered in AgriStability to be eligible for AgriRecovery. AgriRecovery payments are not triggered by AgriStability. They are different programs.

Please note that the 2021 Livestock Feed Assistance program is not open yet for registration. At this time, it is not clear the exact date that the program will be open. ALP encourages you to continue checking the [AFSC website](#) from time to time. Once available, the program details and documents such as the Term and Condition, Q&As and application form will be posted on the AFSC website.

The ALP Board recognizes these are difficult times and as producers we are going through this with you. If you or someone you know need support to cope with this crisis, please visit [Do More Ag](#) for a list of resources near you.

Below, you will find ALP Chair, Ryan Greir and Executive Director, Ashley Scott's, contact information. Please, do not hesitate to contact them if you have any further question on this program. As more program details become available, we will be circulating the information with Producers.

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