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**NSN applauds agreement on initial changes to the AgriStability program.**

**Airdrie, Alberta** - The National Sheep Network (NSN) is applauding the news that initial improvements to Agri-Stability are proceeding.

Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) meeting to improve the AgriStability program have reached agreement to remove the Reference Margin Limit (RML). This is welcome news for Canada's agriculture sector.

NSN thanks Minister Bibeau for her leadership. NSN further acknowledges the leadership and support of provincial and territorial Ministers of Agriculture in reaching agreement on the RML changes.

The NSN is, however, disappointed that some provincial Ministers would not agree to further reforms proposed to the Agri-Stability compensation rate from 70 per cent to 80 per cent. It is clear, that Ministers have much more work to do – in partnership with agriculture industry leaders – to enact further needed reforms to the Business Risk Management (BRM) programming in Canada.

*“On behalf of the NSN, I would like to thank Minister Bibeau and provincial Ministers for this agreement”* said Ryan Greir, Chair of the NSN. *“We appreciate Minister Bibeau going to bat for us and we are committed to continuing to work with the government to secure changes to the Business Risk Management suite of programs. The NSN will continue to be a full partner in continued efforts to make further necessary changes to Canada's suite of BRM programs.”*

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**About NSN:** The National Sheep Network is currently comprised of the Alberta Lamb Producers, the Ontario Sheep Farmers and Les Eleveurs d'ovins du Quebec. Together, the three provinces represent 75 percent of Canada's ewe flock and have joined to leverage resources and producer leadership on issues of mutual interest. Membership to the National Sheep Network (NSN) is open to any provincial sheep organization that is interested in working collaboratively to ensure the Canadian sheep industry is profitable and sustainable.

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