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# Statement

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## CCA and NCFA thank Minister Bibeau for tabling significant changes to Canada's AgriStability program

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Calgary, AB – The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) and the National Cattle Feeders' Association (NCFA) thank Minister Bibeau for tabling significant changes to Canada's AgriStability program consistent with a number of the recommendations we have brought forward. We are encouraged that the federal, provincial, and territorial (FPT) Agriculture Ministers remain committed to reviewing the proposal over the weeks ahead.

The proposal tabled by Minister Bibeau included the removal of the reference margin limit and an increase to the compensation rate from 70 per cent to 80 per cent. The Minister also mentioned that she is prepared to consider other program enhancements with her provincial and territorial counterparts. CCA and NCFA will continue to advocate on the breadth of recommendations we have put forward including the trigger and removal of the caps on payments.

"With significant COVID-19 induced market volatility, in addition to typical risks like weather, trade and production, well-designed and sufficiently funded business risk management tools have never been more critical for cattle producers," said Bob Lowe, CCA President. "The proposed program enhancements would better position our industry to contribute to Canada's economic recovery in a meaningful way."

"NCFA, along with CCA and our provincial members, will continue to evaluate the details of this proposal and to engage with federal and provincial governments on the need for meaningful enhancements to business risk management (BRM) programs and tools to help the beef industry mitigate risk," said Michel Daigle, NCFA Chair.

The meetings held on November 20 and 27, 2020, also provided Ministers with the opportunity to address other key issues to help ensure industry can meet the aggressive growth targets for the agri-food sector. This includes progress on the Animal Health Canada initiative and addressing labour challenges faced by the agriculture and processing industry.

CCA and NCFA are encouraged by the endorsement of the Ministers on the progress made on Animal Health Canada, which is intended to help enhance stakeholder collaboration to implement actions to prevent, prepare for, and react to animal health emergencies. We look forward to contributing to this important initiative in the future.

The acute labour shortage in Canadian agriculture continues to be an issue threatening the viability of food production and the competitiveness of Canadian beef cattle producers. We appreciate the FPT Ministers' efforts to strategically address national labour shortages and ensure a strong domestic labour supply into the future.

To read the full FPT Agriculture Ministers' Communique, click [here](#).

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