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Supports Available for Farmers

Programs are available to support farmers impacted by recent weather

RMA recognizes that farmers are facing tremendous strain due to recent weather patterns across the province. To support members advocating on behalf of their farming communities, RMA developed the [Guide for Declaring Municipal Agricultural Disasters](#). Declaring an agricultural disaster is an excellent awareness tool, and members are asked to provide RMA with a copy of any agricultural disaster declarations they make.

Additional [programs exist to directly support Alberta farmers](#). These programs cover topics including:

- ◆ Planning and preparing for dry conditions
- ◆ Stress management
- ◆ Business management
- ◆ Water management
- ◆ Livestock management
- ◆ Forage, hay, and pasture management
- ◆ Crop management
- ◆ Wildfire reporting

Another program available to livestock producers is the [Livestock Tax Deferral Provision](#), which allows producers to defer a portion of their taxes if animals were sold due to drought or flooding. This program is available in prescribed regions each year, with the regions for 2021 not yet available. Watch Contact for more information on the Livestock Tax Deferral Provision.

Please share these resources with farmers and livestock producers in your community.

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