



SASKATCHEWAN SPECIES AT RISK FARM PROGRAM

Press Release

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Simply Agriculture Solutions partners with Environment and Climate Change Canada to Protect Species at Risk in Saskatchewan

Simply Agriculture Solutions Inc. is pleased to announce they have received Species at Risk Partnerships on Agricultural Lands (SARPAL) funding through Environment and Climate Change Canada to deliver the Saskatchewan Species at Risk Farm Program (SSARFP) to agricultural producers across the province. The main focus of this program is habitat protection and enhancement as well as increasing awareness for species at risk on farms in Saskatchewan.

Simply Agriculture Solutions will be building on our extensive knowledge and experience of guiding, developing and delivering efficient, reliable, agricultural and environmental related programs that Saskatchewan producers are accustomed to. We will be implementing a similar program structure to the previous Environmental Farm Plan and Canada-Saskatchewan Farm Stewardship Programs.

Saskatchewan producers are familiar with the concept of developing an action plan as over 12,000 producers completed an Environmental Farm Action Plan (EFAP) through the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) that Simply Agricultural Solutions Inc. (formerly known Provincial Council of Agriculture Development and Diversification ADD Boards for Saskatchewan Inc.) was integral in developing and implementing across Saskatchewan since its inception in 2005 up until 2015.

The Saskatchewan Species at Risk Farm Program will enable producers to attend a free workshop where they will be provided with a Saskatchewan Species at Risk Farm Program workbook, aerial images of their farm/ranch and an opportunity to complete a farm/ranch self-assessment and develop a Species at Risk Farm Action Plan (SARFAP). The Action Plans will include Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs). Producers will then have the opportunity to access funding through a stewardship program to implement their Action Plan. The workshops are voluntary and all information will remain confidential.

Simply Ag's network of program facilitators across the province will assist producers in developing their SARFAP. Program facilitators are producers themselves and have considerable experience with successfully delivering similar types of programs as well as being strongly involved and familiar with the agriculture industry. Pilot Workshops expected to start late summer 2016 – please watch for details.

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