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SARM WEEKLY POLICY BULLETIN

Livestock loan guarantee program

The Ministry of Agriculture is extending the transition timeline for the wind down of the Livestock Loan Guarantee (LLG) program. The LLG program will no longer issue new guarantees for feeder or breeder loans after July 31, 2019, an extension from the original date of December 31/2018.

Extending the LLG provincial guarantee on lending to July 31, 2019, allows one full year from the date of August 2, 2018, program wind-down announcement to facilitate an efficient transition for lender, producer, and association. The Province recognized that both lenders and program participants requested more time to adequately develop transition options for new co-operative lending models.

The additional time to borrow is meant to accomplish four main objectives:

- Provide lenders more time to finalize co-operative lending options;
- Allow associations to amalgamate (where desired) and make applications to borrow under a new agreement;
- Allow producers time to make informed livestock purchases in the spring; and
- Alleviate the income implications for producers selling calves twice within the same taxation period.

Various lender have expressed and interest in lending LLG producer members as individuals or as association, and the Ministry is working with them on the opportunity this presents.