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## CWRA Webinar: Long-term Trends in Riverine Nutrient Loads, Ratios, and Streamflow in the Red-Assiniboine Basin

Environment and Climate Change Canada's Lake Winnipeg Basin Office invites you to attend a virtual webinar hosted by the CWRA.

The webinar will feature a Lake Winnipeg Basin Program funded project featuring research on Long-term Trends in Riverine Nutrient Loads, Ratios, and Streamflow in the Red-Assiniboine Basin by Amy B. White, Ph.D. Candidate.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023 **Time:** 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. (CST)

The CWRA, Manitoba Branch is hosting this webinar and there is a nominal registration fee to attend. Please find more information below and a link to register.

Learn More / Register

#### Tick Surveillance in Saskatchewan

#### Passive surveillance

Passive tick surveillance programs rely on the participation of the public to collect information on ticks. These programs allow researchers to provide members of the public with information about their tick bite.



The Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, the University of Saskatchewan (USask) and the Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory (RRPL) have been involved in passive tick surveillance since 2008. In the past, members of the public were invited to mail ticks that they found on themselves or their pets to USask or the RRPL.

As of April 1 2020, we are switching to **eTick** to manage passive tick surveillance in Saskatchewan.

#### Surveillance using eTick

Researchers at Bishop's University in Sherbrooke, Que., created the *eTick system*. This online tool provides members of the public with timely information about the tick species that bit them and the risk of exposure to tick-borne diseases. The eTick system will be available to Saskatchewan residents as of April 1, 2020.

The online passive surveillance program works as follows:

 As of April 1 2020, take a photo of the tick that bit you or your pet and submit these digital images using the online eTick system

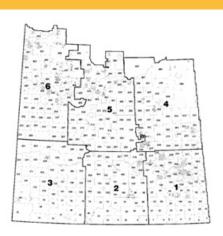
- Please keep your tick in case we ask you to submit it by mail. You can euthanize the tick by placing it in the freezer for 24 hours.
- As part of the submission process, give relevant information such as where in Saskatchewan you encountered the tick.
- Once USask researchers receive your online submission, a team member will let you know the tick species that bit you.
- For purpose of quality control or if the tick species is one of medical concern (e.g. blacklegged tick), we will ask you to submit the tick by mail so we can confirm its species identity

**Learn More** 

#### Information



# M Division Map



## **SARM's June Division Meetings**

Next week the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) will travel throughout the province holding meetings in each of its 6 divisions

**Members Map** 

The SARM 2023 June Division Meetings will be held from June 5-8 in the following locations, and will feature:

#### **Division 1**

Date: Wednesday, June 7th,

2023

Time: 9am-12pm

Location: Town Hall, 301 6

Ave, Kipling, SK **Presentations:** 

- Road Maintenance Agreements
- Clearing the Path Road Corridor
- Marshal Service

#### **Division 2**

Date: Tuesday, June 6th, 2023

Time: 9am-12pm

**Location:** Mosaic Place, 110 1 Ave NW, Moose Jaw, SK

**Presentations:** 

- Wildlife Population
- Subdivision Regulations and RM Responsibilities
- Clearing the Path Road Corridor

#### **Division 3**

Date: Tuesday, June 6th, 2023

#### **Division 4**

Date: Thursday, June 8th,

Time: 2-5pm

**Location:** Coast Hotel, 905 North Service Rd E, Swift

Current, SK

#### Presentations:

- Wildlife Population
- Subdivision Regulations and RM Responsibilities
- Managing Liability Risk

**Division 5** – No Meeting

2023

Time: 11am-3pm

**Location:** Legion Community Centre, 208 1 Ave, Kelvington,

SK

#### **Presentations:**

- Wildlife Population
- Marshal Service
- Managing Liability Risk

#### **Division 6**

Date: Monday, June 5th, 2023

Time: 1-4pm

**Location:** Dekker Centre, 623 Carlton Trail, North Battleford,

SK

#### **Presentations:**

- Road Maintenance Agreements
- Managing Liability Risk
- RM Single Window Consultation Update

**View Meeting Agendas** 



#### **Prairie Water Research Project**

Prairie Water is a research project based out of the University of Saskatchewan which aims to gather knowledge and create tools that support sustainable water management and increase community resiliency. Prairie Water is organized into three teams—Water Availability, Aquatic Ecosystem Health, and Water Management Practices and Governance—which have completed much of their work towards project goals. Recently, we released a *summary report of research progress* which highlights two tools and summarizes research done by the three teams.

For more information on Prairie Water, see our **website**, or send us a note at

#### The tools:

- the Prairie Hydrology
   Design and Analysis
   Product (data input for hydraulic models for designing infrastructure (e.g., culverts). Tool published)
- 2. the **Data Visualization Dashboard** (online interactive portal for viewing and downloading water quality, groundwater, and

**Learn More** 

#### Saskatchewan to See Major Increase in Canola Crushing

[On June 1, 2023], Premier Scott Moe joined André Roth, Global Head of Grains & Oilseeds for Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) and Brian Conn, LDC's Country Manager for Canada, to celebrate the official start of the project to expand the company's canola crushing facility in Yorkton.

Saskatchewan's record-breaking international exports are driven in part by value-added agricultural products like canola oil. Expansions like this give the province an opportunity to set new benchmarks for economic growth in Canada. When complete, the facility will have a crush capacity of over two million metric tons, more than double its current capacity. LDC initially opened the facility in 2009, and currently employs approximately 120 people.

The expansion of LDC's facility brings the province closer to multiple key goals outlined in Saskatchewan's Growth Plan, including:

- Grow private capital investment in Saskatchewan to \$16 billion annually;
- Increase the value of exports by 50 per cent;
- Grow Saskatchewan's agri-food exports to \$20 billion; and
- Increase agriculture value-added revenue to \$10 billion.

Canola oil and canola seed were among Saskatchewan's top agri-food exports in 2022, with a value of \$3.5 billion and \$2.7 billion, respectively. Canola oil was also the third largest export product to the United States in 2022, which saw a record \$29.3 billion in exports to the nation.

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SaskGrowthPlan.ca

#### **Province Proclaims June as Deafblind Awareness Month**

The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed June 2023 as Deafblind Awareness Month to raise awareness and learn about the experiences of Saskatchewan residents who are deafblind.

Individuals are considered deafblind if they have a combined loss of both hearing and vision to the point that neither can be used as a primary source of information gathering and communication.

The Government of Saskatchewan also recently passed *The Accessible Saskatchewan Act* to prevent and remove accessibility barriers for persons with disabilities.

**Learn More** 

## Saskatchewan Proclaims June as Parks and Recreation Month

Recognized nationally, the Province of Saskatchewan has partnered with the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association to proclaim June as Parks and Recreation Month and celebrate here at home.

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) provides leadership, support and services that contribute to recreations' impact for Saskatchewan residents. SPRA invites everyone to celebrate Parks and Recreation Month and enjoy the many activities that contribute to the great quality of life in Saskatchewan.



Learn More

Visit SPRA Website

## Recruit • Train • Incentivize • Retain



## Health Human Resources Strategy Continues Promoting Opportunities for Nursing in Saskatchewan

Progress continues on the four pillars of Saskatchewan's *Health Human Resources (HHR) Action Plan* to recruit, train, incentivize and retain more healthcare professionals including nurses. The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) continues to actively connect with provincial nursing students and recent graduates to promote employment opportunities.

More than 82 per cent of Saskatchewan's 400 spring nursing graduates have expressed interest and been contacted by the SHA to match them with potential job opportunities. Nurse graduates can submit an *Expression of Interest* and be matched with an area based on their skills and preference.

Since December 2022, the SHA has hired 338 grad nurses from the province and across Canada.

Applications for the spring 2023 Ministry of Health's Final Clinical Placement Bursary are now open to students in an eligible health discipline who have started or will start their final health clinical placement between April 1 and September 30, 2023. Those interested can visit the *Final Clinical Placement Bursary webpage* for information on eligibility criteria and application process. The application deadline is September 30, 2023.

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#### **Housing Accelerator Fund**

The Housing Accelerator Fund provides incentive funding to local governments encouraging initiatives aimed at increasing housing supply. It also supports the development of complete, low-carbon and climate-



resilient communities that are affordable, inclusive, equitable and diverse.

#### **Eligibility Highlights:**

- Local governments in Canada with delegated authority over land use planning and development approvals, including First Nations, Métis and Inuit governments, can apply.
- Regional districts, provinces or territories are eligible to apply if there isn't a municipal-level authority.



#### **Asset Management Training**

There are 6 months to go until the end of MAMP 4. Take advantage of Asset Management Saskatchewan's training opportunities now before they're no longer available. Use the offer code **AmMadeEasier** for completely free online training.

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## Indigenous History Month Celebration



Centre for Continuing Education

Honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples with free presentations the first four Fridays in June. Hosted by the Lifelong Learning Centre, these presentations will serve as an opportunity to learn about, appreciate and acknowledge the contributions First Nations, Inuit and Métis people have made in shaping Canada.

#### **Presentation Dates & Speakers:**

- June 2 Teresa Innis, Newo-Yotina Friendship Centre
- June 9 Creeson Agecoutay, CTV National News Atlantic Bureau Chief
- June 16 Aboriginal Grandmothers Caring for Grandchildren Support Network (pictured)
- June 23 Betty Nippi Albright, New Democratic party, Saskatoon Centre

Each presentation occurs from 10:30-11:30am.

Everyone is welcome to attend these free presentations but you must register in advance to receive the Zoom link, which is good for all four presentations!

**Register Now** 



Animal Health Canada Announces Updated CLT Training Program for The campaign includes a new wordmark in English, French and Spanish, *video* and other resources aimed at

#### **Livestock Transporters**

Animal Health Canada is pleased to share that the revised and revamped Canadian Livestock Transport program is now live on our redesigned e-campus. Enrolment is open now on its newly launched e-learning platform at campus.animalhealthcanada.ca.

Recognized across Canada and the United States, CLT is an easily accessible, standardized online program offering humane animal transportation certification. The update, based on the most recent regulations, revamped the core training materials to make the training program more engaging and user-friendly.

Simultaneously, AHC is launching an awareness campaign named 'Better Safer Canadian'.

stakeholders in animal transport, underlining the importance of CLT certification.

The Better Safer Canadian campaign focuses on three key messages:

- The new CLT program delivers a better multimedia experience accessible 24-7. You can get certified using your smartphone, tablet or computer.
- Training is also key to safety and CLT training helps both you and the animals.
- 3. CLT is the only program based on Canadian regulations and is valid in the US.

**Learn More** 

#### Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority Marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15 with Webinar Event



June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) reminds seniors, their friends, families, and caregivers to be alert for the signs of financial abuse, investment scams, and fraud.

To educate residents on how to recognize and prevent senior financial exploitation, the FCAA will host a free educational webinar: *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: Spot and Stop Senior Scams*.

**Date:** June 15, 2023 **Time:** 1:30 - 3 p.m. (CST)

Format: Virtual - attendees can register at **bit.ly/stop-senior-scams**.

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#### Funding allocations for 2023-24:

- Thunder Rail \$25,000
- Torch River Rail \$25,000
- Northern Lights Rail \$25,000
- Southern Rails Cooperative \$25,000
- Long Creek Railroad \$25,000
- Wheatland Rail \$25,000
- Red Coat Road & Rail \$25,000
- Stewart Southern Railway \$28,297
- Last Mountain Railway \$29,155
- Carlton Trail Railway \$37,515
- Great Sandhills Railway \$43,089
- Big Sky Rail \$87,035
- Great Western Railway \$129,909

## Government Grants Lead to Railway Improvements for Saskatchewan Short Lines

Short line railway companies are on track to receive grants from the Government of Saskatchewan's through its Short Line Railway Improvement Program (SRIP). The \$530,000 in funding will assist with track upgrades and expansion, improved crossing surfaces and sightlines, bridge maintenance, track rehabilitations and more.

Grants are determined based on how much track each short line owns. Small networks with less than 80 kilometres of track receive at least \$25,000. The larger networks receive a proportional amount based on how much track they operate.

Provincial grants provide up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs. The funding is used by rail lines for a variety of projects including expansion of rail yards, improved crossing surfaces, bridge maintenance, track rehabilitation, and track materials.

There are 13 provincially regulated short line railways in Saskatchewan that operate on 2,123 kilometres of track, primarily transporting grain.

**Learn More** 

## Saskatchewan Agri-Food Exports Up 75 Per Cent in First Quarter of 2023

Saskatchewan's agri-food exports are surging in 2023 to an estimated \$6 billion in the first quarter of 2023, up 75 per cent from the same period in 2022. This increase solidifies Saskatchewan's position as a major player in global agricultural trade and demonstrates our commitment to meeting global food security.

Leading Saskatchewan exports continue to be canola oil, canola seed, nondurum wheat, durum and lentils.

#### Did you know?

Saskatchewan agri-food exports are up **75 per cent** from 2022.

saskatchewan.ca/agriculture



High agri-food prices, in some cases by as much as 100 per cent relative to 2021, and increased supply are fuelling the growth in export volume and value for the first three months in 2023.

The export numbers build from a solid foundation in 2022 where Saskatchewan exported a record \$18.5 billion in agri-food products. Saskatchewan's numbers demonstrate the sector is on its way to reaching the target of growing Saskatchewan's agri-food exports to \$20 billion by 2030, as outlined in Saskatchewan's Growth Plan.

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Research Impact Canada is hosting a webinar on June 15th that will explore programs, strategies and innovations in Agriculture. Participants will hear from organizations: including the *Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council*, *Young Agrarians*, and *Agritech North*. This is a great opportunity to gain insights, ask questions, and connect with Agriculture-specific peers from across Canada.

To learn more and to register, click the link below.

**Date:** June 15, 2023 **Time:** 10-11:30pm CST

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## Saskatchewan Expands Scope of Practice for Three Frontline Health Care Professions

The Government of Saskatchewan is expanding the scope of practice for pharmacists, nurse practitioners and advanced care paramedics, which will allow these professions to provide additional services, optimize their skills and improve patient care throughout the province.

The enhanced scope of practice will enable the three professions to provide the following additional health services, where capacity permits.

#### Pharmacists:

- Independently prescribe;
- Order lab tests and conduct point of care testing, such as drawing a small blood sample, to advise patients on medication to better manage diabetes or cholesterol.

#### **Nurse Practitioners:**

- Extended privileges for admission and discharge of patients in some hospital areas;
- Conduct initial examinations of new long-term care (LTC) residents, be responsible for ongoing medical care and treatment for residents, emergency care and sign death certificates for residents in LTC.

#### **Advanced Care Paramedics:**

• Perform suturing for minor wounds, cuts or lacerations

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#### Warmer Temperatures -Stay Safe Around Saskatchewan Lakes this Summer

The Water Security Agency (WSA) is advising that rising temperatures can cause patches of harmful blue-green algae to appear in our province's lakes and reservoirs. To ensure your safety, and that of pets and livestock, WSA and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health are advising the public to avoid direct contact, and consumption of any surface water where blue-green algae blooms are occurring. Pet owners and livestock producers are also advised to keep their animals away from suspected blooms.

Potentially harmful algae blooms are heavy concentrations of blue-green algae that often give the water a shimmering, foamy and pea soup like appearance. The blooms may be blue-green, bright blue, grey or tan in colour. Warm temperatures can result in the guick formation of algal blooms.



Direct contact or unintended consumption of algae-contaminated water can cause red skin, sore throat, cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. If you have any concerns, consult with your health care provider. WSA recommends not eating shellfish or organ meats from fish caught in lakes with active blooms. If you have health-related questions about blue-green algae, please contact your *local Saskatchewan Health Authority environmental health office.* 

For more information on public beaches in Saskatchewan, please refer to the *Healthy Beaches Program* updates; monitoring resumes this month.

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#### **Public Sector Innovation Show**

SARM is delighted to announce that we're partnering with Public Sector Network in their upcoming Public Sector Innovation Show Saskatchewan, taking place on June 21 in Regina.

Event Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 Event Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Venue: Delta Hotels by Marriott Regina

Register

This event brings together Saskatchewan public sector leaders, innovators, and policymakers, all under one roof, to explore the potential of technology in mitigating the challenges. Join us together to address current public sector challenges and discover solutions offered, best practices and strategies. Registration is complimentary for public sector and healthcare employees.

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#### **Asset Management Saskatchewan Free Online Training**

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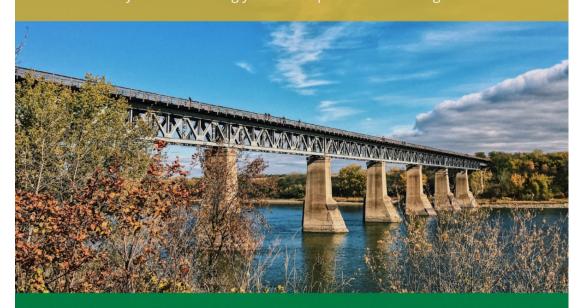


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#### Grasshoppers in Saskatchewan



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# Grasshoppers: How to Manage this season and Q&A with James Tansey

Grasshoppers are a major pest of cultivated crops and rangeland in the world's semi-arid regions. Areas receiving less than 750 mm of precipitation per year in the form of rain or snow are most susceptible. Traditionally drier areas like southwest Saskatchewan are more prone to recurring problems but serious grasshopper infestations can occur throughout the province.

James Tansey, Provincial Specialist, Insect/Vertebrate Pest Management with the Ministry of Agriculture hosted an information session on how to manage grasshoppers this season and answered a variety of questions from the webinar attendees. Click the link below to view the webinar recording for some helpful tips that you can use to mitigate the damage caused by these pests.

View Webinar Recording

## Additional Resources on Grasshoppers:

- SK Agriculture's Grasshopper Webpage
- SK Agriculture's 2023 Forecast Map for Grasshoppers
- Canola Council of Canada: Grasshoppers
- Managing Grasshoppers in SK Article
- SK Wheat: Early Season insect watch
- SK Crop Commodity
   Groups: Insecticide Options
   in 2023
- Biosecurity for Crop Pests
- SK Pulse: Grasshoppers in Pulse Crops
- How to use a sweep net with Meghan Vankosky

**Crop Extension Specialist Contacts** 

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#### **Feedback**



## Consultation on The Provincial Highway Sign Control Regulations

The Ministry of Highways is conducting a review of *The Provincial Highway Sign Control Regulations*. The Ministry of Highways is looking to obtain feedback on the regulations, proposed amendments, any other suggested changes for the regulations.

**Click here** to view the letter providing more information on the review and a link to the consultation survey being conducted as part of the Ministry of Highways' review. The Survey will be available until **August 31, 2023**.

If you have any questions, please contact the Traffic Engineering Standards via email at <a href="mailto:jeffrey.holland@gov.sk.ca">jeffrey.holland@gov.sk.ca</a>.

**Submit Feedback** 

## Tackling Red Tape in Saskatchewan – The Electronic Equipment Stewardship Regulations

The Ministry of Environment is currently reviewing *The Electronic Equipment Stewardship Regulations* and its associated policies and procedures. The ministry is interested in any ideas you may have for improving the program and reducing red tape and regulatory barriers in your business.

Submit Feedback

#### Information

## University of Saskatchewan's College of Medicine to Steadily Increase Medical School Seats

Over the next two years, Saskatchewan is increasing physician numbers in the province by enhancing medical education opportunities for future doctors.

The College of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan is expanding the undergraduate program by adding four seats to the upcoming fall 2023 intake of medical students. This will increase the total number of seats from 100 to 104.

The College is making plans now for even further expansion in the fall of 2024 with an additional four seats, bringing the total medical school seats to 108.

The College of Medicine also recently increased postgraduate residency seats from 120 to 128 including the addition of family medicine seats to the southeast area of the province.

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# Two Experienced Saskatchewan Physicians Recruited to Leadership Roles

The province is pleased to announce the appointment of two experienced specialists who will take on challenging and high-profile physician leadership roles within the Saskatchewan health care system.

Saskatchewan neurosurgeon Dr. Michael Kelly began the role of Provincial Head of Surgery in February. Dr. Patrick Brophy, a pediatric nephrologist, is the new Provincial Head of Child Health and Pediatrics, effective May 15, 2023.

Both Dr. Michael Kelly and Dr. Patrick Brophy have roots in the province and are University of Saskatchewan graduates.

In 2023-24, nearly \$100 million is being invested into Saskatchewan's Health Human Resources (HHR) Action Plan to recruit, train, incentivize and retain more health care professionals, including physicians to the province. In the last 21 months, Saskatchewan has recruited 73 family physicians and 107 specialists from outside the province, including 27 internationally, for a total of 180 physicians.

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#### Looking to Buy/Sell:

RM of Coulee No. 136, For Sale by Tender: 1996 John Deere 6400 Tractor, JUL 6 - Close

**RM of Key West No. 70**, Equipment For Sale by Tender: Shop Lights and Ripper, JUL 5 - Close

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Prairie Water is a research project based out of the University of Saskatchewan which aims to gather knowledge and create tools that support sustainable water management and increase community resiliency. Prairie Water is organized into three teams—Water Availability, Aquatic Ecosystem Health, and Water Management Practices and Governance—which have completed much of their work towards project goals. Recently, we released a *summary report of research progress* which highlights two tools and summarizes research done by the three teams.

For more information on Prairie Water, visit the **Prairie Water website**, or send a note to **prairie.water@usask.ca** 

#### Tools:

- the Prairie Hydrology Design and Analysis Product (data input for hydraulic models for designing infrastructure (e.g., culverts). Tool published here)
- the Data Visualization
   Dashboard (online interactive portal for viewing and downloading water quality, groundwater, and hydrological data. Tool in development)

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## Sask DLC Signs Partnership to Support Agriculture Students Studying Online

The Government of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre (Sask DLC) and the North American Equipment Dealers Association (NAEDA) are pleased to partner in support of agricultural education in Saskatchewan.



Through a newly signed five-year agreement, NAEDA will provide \$40,000 annually to support work placements for students enrolled in agricultural focused programs offered online through the Sask DLC. Eligible courses include Agricultural Equipment Technician 20, Agricultural Equipment Technician 30, Parts Technician 30L and a new Precision Agriculture 30L program, which is currently in development.

Sask DLC offers more than 180 online courses for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students including more than 120 high school courses with many electives including Construction and Carpentry, Drafting and CAD, Digital Media and Web Design.

Registration is now open for **Sask DLC courses**. Parents or students who have questions or would like assistance registering can contact the Sask DLC at 306-252-1000 or by email at **helpdesk@saskDLC.ca**.

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## Livestock Welfare During Prairie Summers

We're in for another hot summer. While livestock animals can generally tolerate warm temperatures, here are a few things to consider when the temperature rises:

- Signs of heat stress include open-mouth panting, laboured breathing, drooling or frothing around the mouth.
- Ensure animals have access to shaded or sheltered areas that provide relief from direct sunlight.
- Ensure animals have unlimited access to a fresh, clean water source.
- Water requirements for livestock animals will be higher during warmer temperatures. It is important to frequently check your water sources for any signs of algae growth. Free water testing is available to producers. Reach out to your local livestock and feed extension specialist to learn more or call the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377.

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