



**Saskatchewan Ministry
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Government's Vision

“A secure and prosperous Saskatchewan, leading the country in economic and population growth, while providing opportunity and a high quality of life for all.”



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Government's Strategic Priorities

1. **Sustaining our economic growth.**
2. **Securing Saskatchewan as a safe place in which to live and raise a family.**
3. **Keeping the promises made during the election campaign.**





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Ministry's Mission Statement

“To enable a prosperous, market-driven agricultural industry through a supportive legislative framework, policies, programs and services.”



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Ministry's Strategic Priorities

- 1. To create an attractive business climate for the agriculture industry, including the infrastructure that will support business development.**





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Actions:

- Contribute to the national rail service review.
- Aggressively pursue marketing choice for wheat and barley.
- Implement the Agricultural Crown Land Sale Program.
- Invest in water infrastructure.
- Support industry efforts for increased market access and trade liberalization through the WTO.
- Continue helping the livestock industry increase its competitiveness.





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2. **Ensure producers have access to effective business risk management programs.**





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Actions:

- Implement changes to Crop Insurance that were identified in the 2008 Crop Insurance Review.
- Initiate provincial delivery of AgriStability.





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3. **Supportive regulatory framework that contributes to growth and prosperity.**





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Actions:

- Review all Ministry regulations every five years.
 - What works? What no longer serves a purpose?
 - The focus of the review will be the creation of an effective and efficient regulatory framework.





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4. Provide regional service to agricultural producers and value-added businesses.





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Actions:

- Provide effective rural programs and services delivery that meets the needs of producers and agri-business.
 - Ensure we have a farmer focus.
 - Continue services to value-added clients.
 - Ongoing consultation and feedback from clients and staff.
 - Extends beyond field staff – head office staff are resources for regional staff, and the two need to be closely linked.





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5. Promotion of agriculture sector and its benefits.





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Actions:

- Create a youth advisory committee.
- Work with ES, AEEL and Labour to create strategies to attract youth, immigrants and investment to agriculture.
- Attract people and investment to agriculture.
 - Create excitement in the industry.
 - Create an understanding by all residents of the value that agriculture brings to the province.





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6. Collaborate with federal and provincial governments and industry on key issues.





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Actions:

- Negotiated Growing Forward and initiated programming in 2008/09.
- Manage and enhance intergovernmental and trade relationships with NAFTA partners.
 - Export markets remain the key to our industry's future success.
- Manage and enhance federal/provincial relationships in agricultural policy and programs.
 - Need to work collaboratively on national policies that make sense for Western Canada.
- Host F/P/T agriculture ministers and PNWER meetings.





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8. **Progressive and relevant research, innovation and commercialization.**





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Actions:

- Invest in agricultural research and development.
 - Ensure proper mechanisms are in place to allow science to drive innovation, which drives future competitiveness.
 - Ensure we have a proper balance in government investment among basic, applied and commercialized research.
 - Need to focus – we can't be all things to all sectors; other jurisdictions should lead in some areas.





Why R&D Matters

**Results in knowledge and technology
that brings in:**

- New products.
- More efficient and better process.
- Successful businesses including farm businesses.





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The Benefits?

- New opportunities
- Jobs and economic growth...
- Increased farmer profits.
- Return on investment in R&D is 20:1.





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Our strategic focus in R&D is built around:

- Strategic investments
- Collaboration and partnerships
- Leverage





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Saskatchewan is a centre of agricultural R&D and innovation.

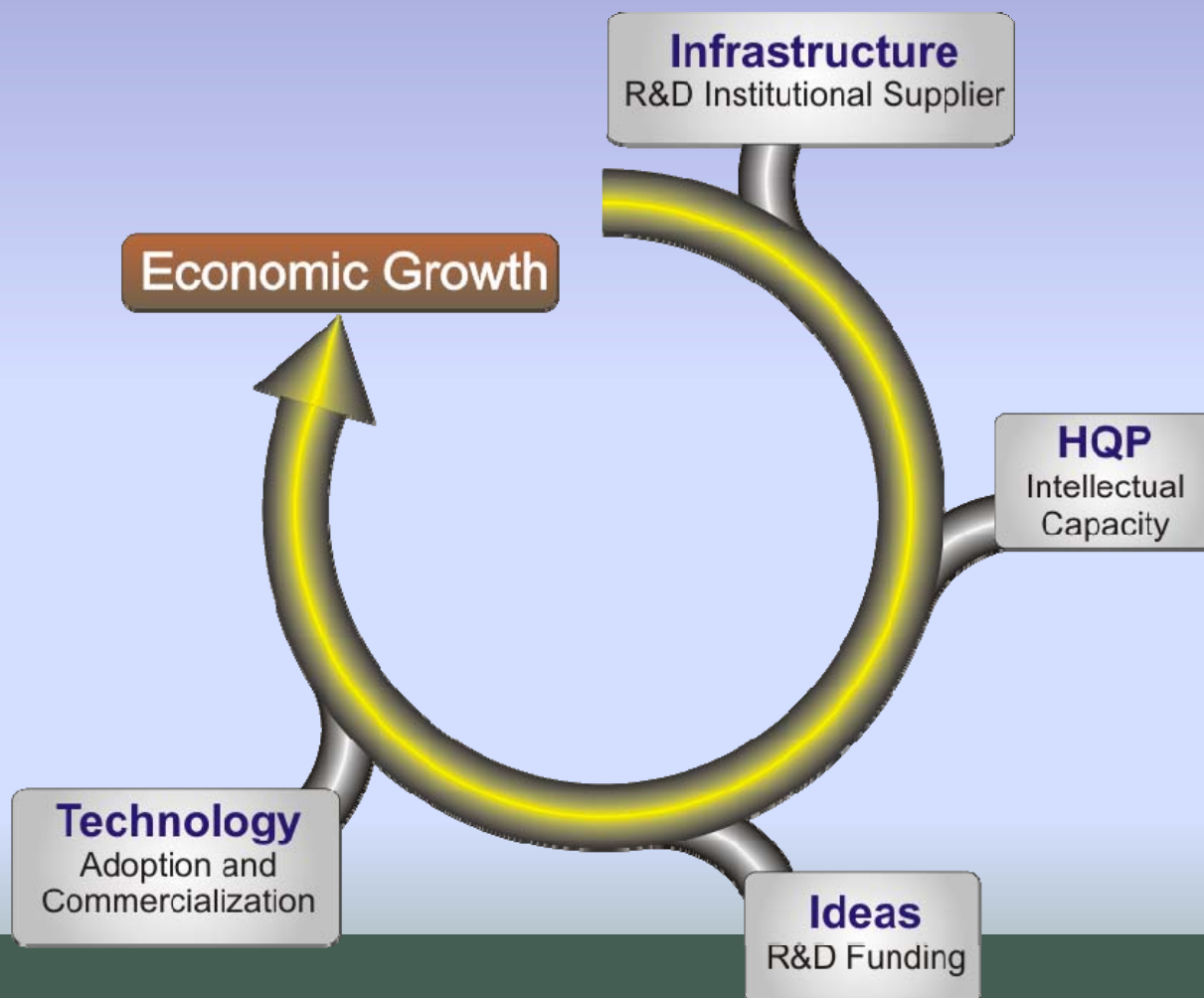
- Critical to maintaining Saskatchewan's competitive advantage.
- Saskatchewan's Ministry of Agriculture invests approx. \$15 million in agricultural research annually.





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How are we achieving our goals?





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Agriculture Research budget break-down

- Institutional Support: \$2.5 million
 - (PAMI, CDC, PSC, VIDO, WBDC)
- Intellectual Capacity: \$3.2 million
 - (SRP)
- Projects – ADF: \$7.5 million
- Technology Commercialization: \$1.0 million
 - (AWBio and ILO)





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Focus of R&D investments: *Creating economic growth.*

- New crop varieties to meet market demand and consumer preferences.
- Increased livestock competitiveness.
- Optimized feeding systems.
- Improved food quality and safety.





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Focus of R&D investments (cont'd)

- New and innovative food and other bioproducts and bioprocessing technologies.
- Decreased agricultural production risks.
- Support for sustainable agricultural practices.
- Proprietary technology and knowledge in novel applications.





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Technology Transfer

Agri-ARM Sites

- Producer-driven regional demonstration of new technologies (crop varieties, production systems).

ADOPT

- Agriculture demonstration program.

Agricultural Knowledge Centre

- Provides information developed by ADF and other sources to farmers.

Provincial and Regional Specialists

- One-on-one consultations, seminars, workshops, factsheets, field days, conferences, *Agriview*.





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What do we hope to achieve with our strategic direction?

- Programs and services that benefit farmers and the agriculture industry.
- A regulatory environment that supports business.
- Food safety systems that reflect the public's needs and expectations.
- The attraction of people and investment into the agriculture industry.





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What do we hope to achieve with our strategic direction (cont'd)?

- A sustainable agriculture sector that promotes growth and investment while protecting our natural resources.
- The adoption of new agricultural practices, technologies and products to keep farmers and agri-businesses competitive and profitable.
- Increased sales and profit margins of Saskatchewan products (both primary and value-added).





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Questions?



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