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Premier Scott Moe Room 226, 2405 Legislative Dr Regina, SK S4S 0B3

RE: MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURAL DISASTER

Dear Premier Moe and Ministers:

The Council for the Rural Municipality of Enterprise No. 142 declares the municipality to be a Municipal Agriculture Disaster area.

Scorching, record-breaking, and relentless temperatures combined with little to no rainfall are impacting all crops as well as hay pasture and range yields. The parched soil is cracking. Crops advanced quickly with the extreme heat and began to flower and head out prematurely, which will likely result in poor yields.

The drought conditions have resulted in reduced hay yields as well as reduced pasture capacity and low water levels.

Ranchers are running out of hay to feed their cattle and the heads of various crops don't have a kernel in them. Watering holes are either going dry or are algae-covered. Ranchers are saying they may have to sell off up to 40 per cent of their herds before winter because they won't have enough food for them. Dried out sloughs have been seeded for feed. Crops have been adjusted at two or three bushels per acre by crop insurance. Cattle producers are only getting ½ ton per acre for bales.

The conditions within the Rural Municipality of Enterprise No. 142 is dire and emergency disaster relief, as drought ravages crops and pastures, is desperately needed. This has been ongoing for five years and is getting exponentially worse every year.

We ask that you recognize the hardships faced by our producers and implement some disaster relief initiative as soon as possible. This is the province and country's food source.

Regards,

Council of the Rural Municipality of Enterprise No. 142

cc: SARM, Hon. David Marit, Doug Steele, APAS, Minister Bibeau, SK Stockgrowers Association, Ryan Meili, SK Public Safety Agency