

# DISASTER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE *Facts*

*Answering your questions about the DFA program*

## **Agricultural claim eligibility**

(for private sector agricultural claims)

When a natural disaster occurs, the Manitoba government may declare the event eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA). Through the DFA program, the Manitoba government provides financial support for uninsurable losses to basic and essential property to help Manitobans in their recovery from natural disasters. This includes certain agricultural related losses.

To be eligible for assistance related to agricultural losses, the Farmer/Small Business Owner must meet the following criteria.

- ⇒ Farms must have yearly gross revenues of between \$10,000 and \$2 million and employ no more than 20 full time workers. The farm cannot be a hobby farm; it must be an owner-operated business and the owner-operator must be the day-to-day manager.

Eligible costs up to a pre-determined maximum amount for agricultural claims include but are not limited to:

- ⇒ Clean up and removal of debris
- ⇒ Repair and restoration of essential buildings for farms and restoration of damaged pens and corrals
- ⇒ Harvested and stored crops
- ⇒ Livestock losses and livestock fencing
- ⇒ Limited silting, field erosion and cleaning of drainage systems
- ⇒ Repairs to permanent pre-existing dikes protecting productive farm land
- ⇒ Emergency feed purchases where access to feed has been temporarily interrupted by the disaster
- ⇒ Cost to undertake an evacuation of livestock like pasture rentals and boarding and transportation costs

Ineligible costs include but are not limited to:

- ⇒ Costs related to dry conditions
- ⇒ Insurable losses (e.g. damaged property or items that could have been insured at the time of the disaster)
- ⇒ Costs recoverable from any other government program
- ⇒ Losses that are recoverable at law
- ⇒ Loss of income and opportunity (e.g. reduced crop yield or loss of value of livestock due to early sale)
- ⇒ Inconveniences and normal operating costs
- ⇒ Upgrading existing facilities
- ⇒ Damage that is a normal risk of trade, occupation or enterprise (e.g. losses related to drought or crops remaining on the field late in the season)