



January 2017

Dear SCFA Member/Potential Member:

RE: SCFA Annual Membership Renewal/Application

The Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association (SCFA) is dedicated to ensuring a competitive, enduring future for Saskatchewan's beef industry and works on your behalf through advocacy, education, communication and liaison with other industry organizations. ***If you have a part in the cattle feeding supply chain from primary production to the finished animal product, you should be a member of the SCFA.*** With issues such as reduced numbers of calves in SK, labour shortages, reduced packer competition and volatile feed and live cattle markets, strong representation for the cattle feeding industry in this province is as important as ever.

While the SCFA operates as an independent organization, members of the SCFA are represented on a number of industry groups including the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association (SCA). This involvement ensures that the cattle feeding industry has a voice on our provincial beef organization.

Looking ahead in 2017 the SCFA will continue to work on the following:

- *Western Canada Feedlot Management School (WCFMS)* will be taking place Feb 7-9, 2017. This event is a prime opportunity for those in the cattle feeding sector to come together to learn from experts and successful producers. Our theme for 2017 is *Putting Technology to Work* and will offer insight on how technology is and will continue to impact cattle feeding, animal health, as well as ways to use technology in your operation. Tours and hands on demonstrations add an additional learning element to this already appealing workshop. For those unable to get away – register online to watch the live broadcast!
- *YouTube videos* – the SCFA is working on short video clips that will cover various topics of interest to cattle feeders. We are hoping that these videos will provide some valuable information for cattle feeders as well as providing a point of contact to the SCFA for those in the industry. Look for us on YouTube soon!
- *CFIA regulatory review* – CFIA is currently undergoing a major regulatory review. One issue of particular interest to the cattle sector are the proposed changes to transport regulations. The SCFA continues to work with our provincial and federal counterparts to submit comments on proposed changes.
- *Labour Shortage* – a shortage of skilled labour is an ongoing challenge for those in the agricultural sectors including the livestock industry. The SCFA has participated on a number of committees, providing input to help address this issue. The recent announcement of changes surrounding the temporary foreign worker program is considered good news and we will continue to work with our provincial and federal

counterparts such as the National Cattle Feeders Association to relay the message to the federal government.

- Working with our Alberta and National Partners to bring the *Feedlot Animal Care Assessment Tool* to those in the feedlot sector. This topic will be the subject of a talk at the Feedlot School this February, and links to the complete tool will be posted on the SCFA website.
- Providing input on the value of and ways to improve the Western Livestock Price Insurance Program through meeting with provincial government and working with other provincial cattle organizations.

The Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association depends on your membership dollars to sustain our efforts. Your ongoing support is much appreciated. A membership invoice has been included in this package. I encourage you to fill it out and return it with your annual membership fee for 2017.

Communication with our members is a vital part of the SCFA's commitment to this industry. Visit our website www.saskcattle.com for information on events and issues related to the industry. You can also find us on Facebook and follow us on twitter @SCFA_office. Be sure to supply an email address on your membership form to be added to our distribution list.

As always, please contact us at any time with comments, direction, questions or simply to touch base – the SCFA is here to serve you.

Sincerely,



Jordan Kowal
SCFA President

Our 2016 SCFA Board of Directors
(subject to change following our AGM on January 24, 2017):

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