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## **CLARIFICATION: AGRICULTURAL STATE OF DISASTER**

DUNMORE, ALTA. – In response to concerns regarding last week's declaration of an agricultural state of disaster, Cypress County is clarifying that it is not aware of any provincial or federal relief programs currently in place for producers.

A sentence in the original press release read: "Declaring a state of disaster allows producers to access provincial and federal relief programs."

We can understand how the release might have misinformed the public and apologize for not being clearer. While the state of disaster does help access relief programs, it's only if such programs are active and accessible in the first place.

The agricultural state of disaster allows producers to more quickly work with insurance claims and take action regarding crops. That was council's intent when making the call to issue the declaration.

Again, Cypress County apologizes for any concerns regarding the agricultural state of disaster.

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