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OSF applauds federal funding announcement on drought assistance

Guelph, ON – Farmers in drought-stricken areas across Canada received welcome relief with the federal government’s announcement of \$100 million in AgriRecovery funding to support farmers facing extreme weather.

Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) thanks the government for this much-needed support at this critical time. OSF is very concerned about the toll that ongoing devastating weather conditions are taking on sheep farmers in affected regions – for their farm businesses and their mental health.

We look forward to the details and timely rollout of this support at a provincial level. OSF continues to ensure the needs and concerns of our members are heard, and that included and covered in any relief assistance programs.

If you are looking for more details on this new federal funding, please contact your general farm organization – OFA, CFFO or NFU. And if you – or someone you know – needs support to cope with this crisis, please see the list of resources at www.ontariosheep.org/Farmer-Wellness. You are not alone, and we are here to help.

For more detail visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2021/08/government-of-canada-announces-100-million-in-agri-recovery-funding-to-further-support-farmers-facing-continued-extreme-weather.html>

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Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) is a producer-run organization established in 1985 and represents the province’s 3,000 sheep farmers who contribute over \$530 million to Ontario’s economy. Ontario is home to the country’s largest sheep flock and processes over 50% of the sheep and lambs born in Canada. We believe passionately that sheep farming is an agricultural business sector that is profitable, contributes to the well-being of our communities and our province and offers unique opportunities to develop new markets, provide needed environmental benefits and grow both our domestic and international markets.

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