



ALBERTA

AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Alberta's agriculture industry has shown great resiliency over the past few years and continues to be a bright spot in our economy, supporting rural jobs and providing opportunities for hard-working Albertans.

While our primary agriculture sector has faced many challenges, we have responded swiftly and worked with other levels of government to deliver programming through Agriculture Financial Services Corporation to ensure producers have the support they need.

But we know it hasn't been easy, and the stress of farming can take its toll. When stress goes on for a long period of time it can have mental, emotional, behavioural and physical effects. That is why we will also continue to support organizations like AgKnow and their ongoing work to provide agriculture-specific mental health supports through the Alberta Farm Mental Health Network.

Agriculture is more than a business – it's a way of life. Farmers are deeply committed to the land, their animals, their families and their rural communities, and Alberta's government is just as committed to protecting farmers, their livelihood and their mental health.

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Honourable Nate Horner
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