



# WESTERN LIVESTOCK PRICE INSURANCE PROGRAM (WLPIP)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS COVID-19

### WHAT DOES COVID-19 HAVE TO DO WITH CATTLE PRICES?

- 1** **A** Initial reaction to COVID-19 negatively impacted beef sales due to its direct link to the food services industry. Cattle prices – like other stocks, investments and currency – fluctuate and have a financial impact on the Canadian economy. COVID-19 introduced an increase in volatility in cattle prices, due to the fear of the unknown.

### WHY IS COVERAGE GOING DOWN?

- 2** **A** WLPIP is a market-driven program. This program reflects fluctuations in price, basis, currency and cattle futures. It helps protect producers from these fluctuations. A range of factors, including the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), are monitored daily. When these future prices fluctuate, this may be reflected in coverage options.

### WHY ARE PREMIUMS SO HIGH RIGHT NOW?

- 3** **A** One of the most important factors influencing premiums is volatility of the CME market. When cattle future prices are highly volatile, like they are now, WLPIP premiums will be more expensive. When the market is quiet and prices are relatively stable, premiums will be lower.

### HOW DO I CONDUCT MY WLPIP BUSINESS?

- 4** **A** We are committed to the health and safety of our customers and employees. We look forward to your patience and understanding as we work together through this period. To date, we are maintaining a business-as-usual approach to the delivery of WLPIP. Our offices are closed to the public until further notice. During this time, our staff remain available to assist producers by phone and email. We also encourage you to take advantage of WLPIP's online portal to conduct your WLPIP business.

Our provincial program administrators have implemented several measures to ensure the safety and health of our employees. As such, call and wait times may be impacted.

If you have questions or concerns about the program, please contact your provincial administrator directly.

- BC/Alberta/Manitoba producers: 1.844.782.5747

- Saskatchewan producers: 1.888.935.0000

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