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Re: Saskatchewan Johne's Disease Surveillance program

Dear Rob,

Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) is pleased to now offer testing under the Saskatchewan Johne's Disease Surveillance program to Saskatchewan sheep and goat producers. The program has been helping to detect and control Johne's Disease in Saskatchewan beef cattle since 2013.

This news is the outcome of a resolution that was brought forward at a SSGA zone meeting in the spring of 2018, which supported the addition of sheep and goats into the Johne's Disease Surveillance Program, as managed by SSGA. This resolution was later approved at the SSGA AGM in June. SSGA has since worked with the Ministry of Agriculture to have to program amended to assign a portion of the budget specifically for the testing of sheep and goats.

Producers can apply through SSGA and once accepted into the program will be covered for the eligible costs of having mature animals of the herd/flock blood tested. Please see the attached document for the program parameters of the Johne's Disease Surveillance program in detail. Producers can apply and obtain more information through [www.skstockgrowers.com](http://www.skstockgrowers.com) or by contacting Fonda Froats, Program Manager at [ssga.programs@sasktel.net](mailto:ssga.programs@sasktel.net) or 306-757-8523.

SSGA hopes that this news will be of value to your industry and looks forward to working together. Please share this information with your membership and feel free to contact SSGA should you have any questions going forward.

Sincerely,

Chad MacPherson, General Manager  
Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association