The governments of Alberta and Canada are to provide up to $160 million to support live- stock producers and improve drought and extreme weather conditions.

The Canada-Alberta Drought Livestock Program is aimed at livestock producers with grazing animals.

Alberta Agriculture Minister Brian Stagg said it will allow those in need to apply for financial support to cover losses they incurred to manage and maintain the breeding herd.

He says eligible producers could access a $150 per head for breeding animals. A $75-per-head payment is also available through the federal government’s Livestock Assistance program.

Under the cost-share deal, the provinces and federal government are to provide $99 million and Alberta is to provide $61 million.

Sigurdson said he was encouraged by the province’s approach, “an approach,” Sigurdson said. “We are going to do what we can.”

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or one can accurately predict when an econo- mic downturn will take place, but there is an adage in economics that states the stock market knows when the econ- omy is slowing down, before anyone else does. There’s some truth to this, as financial markets now move on expectations while economic data looks backward. In fact, we usually don’t know we’ve lived through a recession until it’s over. That’s when green domestic product (GDP) data confirm the recession occurred over two consecutive quarters, which is the definition of a technical recession. But it’s not considered an official recession until the U.S. Census Bureau’s Business Cycle Dating Committee (FED/BCC) says it is. The FED/BCC dates recessions as a pronounced, persistent decline in aggregate economic contrac- tion in activity across multiple industries. And by then, the economy is already in recovery. Contrary to popular belief, financial markets don’t usually start to decline at the start of a recession and recover during the economic recovery. Instead, the mar- kets are usually down when the FED/BCC says investors think is going to hap- pen. So, instead of predicting the recession, it is much better to focus on the market’s reaction to what is actually happening.

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