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Hello Arif,

Thank you for reaching out this evening.

Our thoughts are with you and all those who have been affected by the torrential rains, flooding and mudslides over the past few days. We know the impacts have been significant and will continue to be felt across the province in the weeks and months ahead, and that many lives and livelihoods have been severely affected.

Of course we stand ready to work with you on this Agri-Recovery assessment. We understand that you are still figuring some parts out, and we will do our best to assist you in this, including helping to coordinate with other ministries in our respective governments to align efforts.

The principal contact here for Agri-Recovery is Scott Pellow, who will confirm the other specific members of his team with your team noted below. In addition, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if I can help on any matter.

All the best from your colleagues and friends here at AAFC.

Paul

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Hello Paul,

British Columbia requests of Canada a formal assessment of our South Western BC flood situation toward establishing an AgriRecovery-based response for our affected agricultural producers. In November, the southern portion of BC experienced a 1 in a 100 year weather event resulting in flooding and landslides along with other wide-reaching impacts because of abnormally high and rapid rainfall. On November 17, 2021 BC declared a provincial state of emergency to help ensure public safety and to provide a coordinated response to the flooding situation.

There are about 65 dairy operations in the lower mainland and it is expected that the majority have been impacted, along with roughly 11,000 beef animals, several hog barns, and multiple chicken barns (61) housing 2.2 million birds. There are many other animal types that have been impacted and the primary focus remains on animal welfare and animal feeding, as it is expected that most animals only have enough feed for 3 days. Producers and Emergency Services are working to get animals out of the flooded areas and to safety. BC is also working to procure feed at export ports, since most of the transportation access into the lower mainland is shut off. Much of the currently flooded land which supports over 200 different agricultural crops has also been impacted.

The flooding and land slides have also impacted vast amounts of public and private infrastructure and land. The greatest impact to agriculture is on the lower lands in the Sumas Prairie, Abbotsford, Merritt and Princeton areas which support intensive agriculture.

All of the impacts are yet to be determined and the severity of each is variable, but it is known that individuals and their livelihoods, will continue to be impacted for years. These families need our assistance in managing the extraordinary costs of returning to production.

Kevin Daniels, Timothy Pigg and Tyler Morhart are the principle contacts in British Columbia for your officials to collaborate with.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to collaborating with you as an AgriRecovery response is developed.

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I respectfully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen (Songhees and Esquimalt) people.