

# Hay Salvage and Ditch Mowing

## Ministry of Highways

Producers can once again take advantage of free hay in Saskatchewan's provincial highway ditches.

Before and including July 8, landowners or lessees nearest/adjacent to the ditch have the first option to cut or bale material. After that, anyone can cut and bale without permission from the property-owner, as long as no salvage operations have already begun. To avoid disputes, let your *local ministry office* know where you'll be salvaging.

### Ditch Mowing

The ministry is working on its annual early mowing program along high traffic volume highways and will continue until July 15. Contractors cut a four-metre wide swath along shoulders adjacent to Highways 1, 7, 11, 16, 39 and select secondary highways. During this time, mowing may be completed near some highway intersections and interchanges, railway crossings and tourism facilities.

For more information, including height/width of cuts and when bales need to be removed, visit our *Hay Salvage and Ditch Mowing webpage*.

### Key Dates

- **June 7 - July 15:** Mowing includes a four-metre shoulder cut adjacent to the road. Highways 1, 7, 11, 16, 39 and select secondary highways. Some highway intersections may receive a full ditch cut to ensure good sightlines.
- **July 8:** Prior to and including this date, a landowner or lessee nearest to a highway ditch has the first option to cut or bale hay. After this date, anyone may cut and bale in a highway ditch without getting permission.
- **July 15 - Oct. 15:** Contractors begin mowing the width of ditches along all four-lane highways. Heavily travelled two-lane highways get a twelve-metre cut. Secondary highways get an eight-metre cut. All other highways get a four-metre cut adjacent to the highway shoulder.
- **August 8:** All hay bales must be removed from ditches or they may be removed and disposed of at the ministry's discretion.