On behalf of the SK Livestock board, I would like to welcome everyone to our annual general meeting. It is nice to be able to meet face to face again with our members.

2022 was a challenging year for the livestock industry. From varying moisture conditions and drought still apparent in many regions of Saskatchewan, to increased operating costs and supply chain issues, many challenges have impacted our businesses. But, even through the challenges, SK Livestock was working on your behalf. We were successful in developing and offering the Drought Assistance Program. We introduced a Young Producers Program for 4-H members, joint memberships became available and member limits were able to be increased. Lastly, the Feeder Readvance Program was developed and rolled out prior to year-end.

Collaboration is the key ingredient in developing workable solutions to help mitigate the impacts of the challenges facing our sector. This was certainly true in 2022 – by working together, we were able to provide the support needed by our producers affected by drought, increased feed costs and challenging marketing conditions, and more.

The board and dedicated team of management and staff members continues to work closely together to grow and evolve SK Livestock. Their hard work and dedication are not unnoticed. I can easily say I am confident in the future of this organization. With the Boards unified direction, we will continue to work on your behalf, continuing to grow SK Livestock Finance and provide new opportunities to our members. My sincere gratitude to all our members for their continued support. It is a privilege to work on your behalf for our co-op!

Chairperson