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What Happened

- Dry water sources/wells
- Livestock on pasture
 - Alternate water sources
 - Supplemental feeding
 - Removed early/culled to match feed supply
- Variability in crop yields
 - Not meeting requirements/commitments
- Managing harvested crops
 - Nitrates
 - Storage issues
 - Nutrient values
- Stress
 - Cash flow, immediate and long term
 - Extra work

Longer Term Impacts

- Cash flow
- Future impacts from current decisions
- Stressed pasture and hay fields
- Stress
- Unknown

What if this continues to happen

- Requirements for irrigation?
- Drought resistant varieties
- Alternate watering for livestock on pasture
- “Economic” use of water
- Family / Business decisions

Tipping Points

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The Ontario Forage and Livestock Transportation Assistance Initiative

- The two components of the initiative are:
 - Up to \$0.14 per tonne, per kilometer to assist with the transportation of forage and feed, or
 - Up to \$0.075 per kilometer, per animal, to move animals to available feed
 - This initiative is being delivered under the AgriRecovery Framework

Water Resource Adaptation and Management Initiative

- **Projects or research studies on innovative water conservation and efficiency equipment, technologies, and practices. These projects could include the use of innovative equipment for irrigation, recommendations for water conservation in livestock operations, good soil management practices, and developing drought tolerant crops; and**
- **The communication of project results through workshops, presentations, outreach, and education materials designed to highlight technologies related to water conservation.**
- Administered through Farm & Food Care Ontario. The federal portion of this investment is being made through the Agricultural Flexibility Fund, part of the Economic Action Plan



Thank You

Questions?