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Goodale's budget shortchanges farmers, hospitals

Saskatchewan farmers were practically ignored by Finance Minister Ralph Goodale's federal budget speech today.

"The problems that the family farm face are obviously not a priority of Ralph Goodale back in Ottawa," said MP Brad Trost after the budget speech on Wednesday.

"How could Ralph Goodale forget about farmers when farm incomes in Saskatchewan are projected to be negative \$650 million this year?" Trost asked.

The fact that Goodale's budget didn't even mention the need for effective farm income support programs shows that the Liberals are just a big city party out of touch with the needs of rural Saskatchewan," Trost said.

Trost also criticized empty rhetoric in the budget that talked about creating a better health care system by reducing waiting lines.

"Saskatchewan has the longest surgical waiting lists in Canada. You would think that Minister Goodale would be aware of this fact when he was putting together the budget. However, when you look at the details, money set aside to decrease waiting lists won't flow out for several years," Trost noted.

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