



**Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association & Western Barley Growers Association
Joint Convention 2005 (February 16-18, 2005)
FARMER SURVEY (30 Respondents)**

The Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association (WCWGA) and the Western Barley Growers Association (WBGA) need your opinion. In order to serve you better, we need to know what issues are important to you and what you believe should be our priorities for 2005. Please take a few moments to complete the information. Drop off the completed form at the conference registration desk to receive a small gift. The results will be tabulated and released at the end of the conference.

1. Please check (✓):

- I am a member of the WCWGA. 50%
- I am a member of the Western Barley Growers Association. 33.3%
- I am not a member of either organization. 6.7%
- I am a member of both organizations. 10.0%

2. Please tell us a little about yourself by placing a ✓ in the appropriate areas or completing the blanks:

- a. My farm is located in (✓): AB 43.3% SK 26.7% MB 26.7% BC Other 3.3%, please specify (not given)
- b. My farm enterprise mix is (please indicate % of income):
 - _____ Grain Avg = 89.1%
 - _____ Livestock Avg = 9.4%
 - _____ Other, please specify Avg = 1.5% (storage)
- c. My crop mix is (please indicate % of income):
 - _____ Cereals Avg = 42.5% _____ Pulses Avg = 13.0%
 - _____ Oilseeds Avg = 30.5% _____ Forages / Other Avg = 14.0%
- c. My livestock mix is (please indicate % of income):
 - _____ Cattle Avg = 100.0% _____ Poultry
 - _____ Hogs Avg = 50.0% _____ Other (please specify:)
 - _____ Dairy
- d. My cropping consists of 500-10,500 (Range) acres, my average annual tonnage is 1,000-12,000 (Range) and my livestock herd is 55-300 (Range) head.
- e. My on farm storage is 700-140,000 (Range) tonnes and my track-side storage consists of 140-6,800 (Range) tonnes.
- f. Disposition of my crops is as follows (please complete the volume % for each):
 - _____ Fed on-farm 0-10% range _____ To food processors 5-75% range
 - _____ Through the elevator system 25-100% range _____ Direct export 5-20% range
 - _____ To local feedlots or livestock operators 5-100% range

3. Please rank the following policy areas 1 through to 4 (with 1 being top priority, 2 being second priority, 3 being third priority and 4 being last priority) to indicate where you feel each association should focus efforts.

- _____ Production (seed, chemical and fertilizer regulations, land use & environment, input costs, taxes, etc.) 4 (3.1 mean)
- _____ Handling & Transportation (car/rail/container access, storage & handling fees, etc.) 2 (2.55 mean)
- _____ Marketing (price discovery, CWB, grading, market access, etc.) 1 (1.24 mean)
- _____ Safety Nets (crop insurance, CAIS, cash advances, etc.) 3 (2.69 mean)

4. In order of most important to least important, which three areas should the associations make a priority in 2005:

- 1 Marketing: choice, CWB (Other comments: policy, CAIS, trade, variety registration, voice for industry)
- 2 Transport (Other comments: policy, grading, taxes, input costs, value-added, pesticide harmonization, productin, safety nets)
- 3 Safety Nets (Other comments: CWB, buying grain on dry-matter basis, value-added, input costs, reserach, cro p insurance)

THANK YOU!