



***Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association
39th Annual Convention***

"On the Verge ..."

***January 7 to 9, 2009
Winnipeg Fairmont Hotel
Winnipeg, MB***

The Wheat Growers wish to invite you to attend our 39th annual convention, to be held January 7 to 9 at the Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg. The convention offers a great opportunity to meet and mingle with like-minded farmers and industry leaders.

We have an excellent line-up of speakers, including:

- Dennis Avery, Director of The Centre for Global Food Issues of the Washington-based Hudson Institute, and author of *Saving the Planet with Pesticides and Plastic* and *Unstoppable Global Warming Every 1500 years*.
- Neil Wandel, Chairman, CBH Group of Australia who will talk about developments in Australia following the removal of the Australian Wheat Board's wheat export monopoly.
- Ian White, Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Wheat Board.
- Elwin Hermanson, Chief Commissioner, Canadian Grain Commission.
- Clyde Graham, Vice President of the Canadian Fertilizer Institute.
- Lorne Hepworth, President of CropLife Canada.

The convention will also feature tours of the Canadian International Grains Institute, the Canadian Wheat Board, the Royal Canadian Mint and MacDon Industries.

The convention will kick off with an opening reception at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairmont Hotel on Wednesday, January 7 and will close with a banquet on Friday evening, featuring the comedy routine of Big Daddy Tazz. The Wheat Growers' annual general meeting will be held Friday morning at 8:00 a.m.

Please join us for what promises to be an informative and entertaining event. The full program is shown on the reverse. The registration form is enclosed. **Be sure to register and book your hotel room by December 22 to take advantage of early-bird rates.**

Innovative, farmer-driven solutions.

Wheat Grower 2009 Convention Program
Fairmont Hotel, Winnipeg, MB
January 7 to 9, 2009

Wednesday, January 7

Noon to 6:00 p.m. Registration desk open, 2nd floor, Fairmont Hotel
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. President's Reception.

Thursday, January 8

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks – Convention Chair
8:40 a.m. Market Outlook – **Brenda Tjaden Lepp**, FarmLink Marketing Solutions
9:40 a.m. Canadian Wheat Board study – **Chuck Penner**, Senior Consultant, Informa Economics

10:30 a.m. Refreshment break

11:00 a.m. Australian situation – **Neil Wandel**, Chairman, CBH Group (Australia)

Noon Lunch

12:45 p.m. Luncheon Speaker – **Les Kletke**, agriculture journalist and commentator
1:30 p.m. Adjourn
2:00 p.m. Tours of CIGI, CWB, the Royal Canadian Mint, and MacDon Industries.

Free evening time

Friday, January 9

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. WCWGA Annual General Meeting – members only
9:00 a.m. **Ian White**, Chief Executive Officer, CWB

10:00 a.m. Refreshment break

10:30 a.m. **Elwin Hermanson**, Chief Commissioner, Canadian Grain Commission
11:15 a.m. Rail Transportation – **Mark Hemmes**, President, Quorum Corporation

11:45 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. **Dennis Avery**, Director, The Center for Global Food Issues, Hudson Institute
1:30 p.m. **Todd Hyra**, Midge Tolerant SWAT Team
2:15 p.m. **Clyde Graham**, Vice President, Strategy & Alliances, Canadian Fertilizer Institute

3:00 p.m. Refreshment break

3:30 p.m. **Lorne Hepworth**, President, CropLife Canada
4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks, Convention Chair

6:00 p.m. Reception
6:45 p.m. Banquet – entertainment by **Big Daddy Tazz**