

MEDIA RELEASE

**Wheat Growers Support Canadian Grain Commission Decision**

**May 2, 2002:** “The Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association (WCWGA) supports the Canadian Grain Commission’s decision to exempt producer car loading facilities from primary elevator licensing provisions,” said Art Enns, President of the WCWGA.

The Canadian Grain Commission announced this week that it would exempt producer car loading facilities from the licensing provisions of the Canada Grain Act, as long as they comply with the established rules and conditions.

“The Wheat Growers have always supported the producer’s right to load a producer car, as outlined in the Canada Grain Act,” says Wheat Grower Vice-President Bernie Sambrook. “The ability to load producer cars is an important business tool for many producers.”

The WCWGA passed a resolution regarding producer cars at their Convention in January 2002, which stated:

*Be it resolved that the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association propose to the Canadian Grain Commission that: (1) licensing exemptions should continue to be granted to bona fide producer car loading sites; (2) that the CGC ensure that entities providing the services generally offered by primary elevators be required to hold primary licenses; and (3) that, in making licensing decisions, the CGC have regard to the viability of the grain handling system as a whole, and the potential negative impacts of creating unfair advantages for certain entities over others.*

“The Canadian Grain Commission’s announcement, and the criteria that have been established for producer car loading facilities will allow bona fide producer car loading facilities to continue providing a valuable service to producers,” said Sambrook.

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