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Wheat Growers Welcome Federal Farm Support Announcement

The Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association welcomes the announcement by the federal government to provide \$463 million in assistance to grain and oilseed producers.

“This announcement recognizes that Canadian grain producers are still being hurt by the trade actions of others,” says Cherilyn Jolly, President of the Wheat Growers. “It represents partial compensation for the impact on farmgate prices caused by exorbitant EU and US subsidies and market access restrictions in many important markets.”

The Wheat Growers are encouraging all western provinces to participate in the cost-sharing of the federal announcement.

“We urge all western provinces to follow the federal lead. Provincial governments need to recognize the financial difficulties that many farmers are facing as they enter the spring seeding season,” stresses Jolly.

While the Wheat Growers welcome this positive announcement, the Association notes that the need for such assistance is due primarily to shortcomings in federal agricultural policy.

“If our sector is ever to move beyond ad hoc assistance, then farmers in western Canada need a renewed commitment to public plant breeding research, meaningful trade reforms and real marketing choice,” emphasizes Jolly.

The WCWGA, an independent producer organization, has spent 35 years bringing forth innovative farmer-driven solutions and will continue to lobby on behalf of forward thinking, progressive producers in an effort to make farming sustainable and profitable.

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