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Wheat Growers Release Position Paper on CWB Reforms

The Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association is pleased to formally release its position paper on the implementation of marketing choice and CWB structural reforms.

Entitled "Reforming the Canadian Wheat Board: The Path Forward", the paper describes the benefits of marketing choice and goes into significant detail as to how marketing choice can be implemented by the federal government without resorting to legislation.

The Wheat Growers are calling for the federal government to introduce marketing choice as soon as possible, and no later than August 1, 2006.

"The Wheat Growers felt it was important to provide the Canadian government with some guidance as to how it should provide western farmers with the marketing freedom they promised in their campaign," says Cheryl Jolly-Nagel, President of the Wheat Growers. "We also wanted to put forward our proposals on CWB structural reforms so it can remain a viable marketing choice for farmers once the government guarantees on CWB borrowings and the initial payment are removed."

While the Wheat Growers are putting forward its proposals in the form of a position paper, we believe it also serves as a discussion paper for members and other industry players.

"Our goal is to generate debate on how best to implement marketing choice and how best to make structural reforms to the CWB," says Jolly-Nagel. "We don't pretend to have all the answers, but we do believe this paper can serve as a good starting point for that discussion."

The Wheat Growers are calling on the CWB to be transformed into a privately-held shareholder company, with farmers as the initial shareholders. Our proposal calls for the CWB to build a capital base, with voluntary contributions from farmers or other private sources.

To obtain a copy of the Wheat Grower position paper, please contact our Saskatoon office at (306) 586-5866 or go to <http://www.wheatgrowers.ca/policies.htm>.

The WCWGA, an independent producer organization, has spent 36 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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