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**BARLEY GROWERS and WHEAT GROWERS to HOST JOINT CONVENTION**  
***“Agriculture’s Changing Landscape”***

The Western Barley Growers Association and the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association are pleased to present a joint convention to be held February 14 to 16 at the Coast Plaza Convention Centre in Calgary. The convention promises to offer a dynamic discussion on many of the challenges and opportunities facing our industry.

The convention, focused on “Agriculture’s Changing Landscape” will feature twelve top-notch speakers presenting on a range of issues including grain marketing and regulation, trade, biofuels, technology, national agricultural policy, risk management, grain processing and rail transportation.

Featured speakers will include:

- The Honourable Chuck Strahl, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food (10:00 a.m, Friday, February 16)
- Dean Kleckner, Chairman of Truth about Trade and Technology and former President of the American Farm Bureau (1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 15)
- Chris Hamblin, Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Grain Commission
- Larry Martin, CEO of the George Morris Centre
- Keith Jones, Chair, BioProducts Alberta

A reception for convention attendees will be held on the evening of Wednesday February 14. Full program commences at 9:00 a.m. Thursday February 15. The full convention program and registration details can be found at [www.wbga.org](http://www.wbga.org) or [www.wheatgrowers.ca](http://www.wheatgrowers.ca), or by calling (403) 912-3998 or (204) 256-2353.

All media are welcome to attend any portion of the program (except the banquet) free of charge.

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