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## **Wheat Growers Applaud Western Agriculture Ministers**

The Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association is pleased to see the four western Canadian agriculture ministers issue a positive and encouraging joint statement with respect to the WTO talks in Geneva.

“The western agriculture ministers have sent an important message to the Canadian trade delegation,” says Cherilyn Jolly-Nagel, President of the Wheat Growers. “They recognize that securing a trade deal is crucial to the long-term profitability of prairie farmers and the growth of the Canadian agricultural sector.”

The Wheat Growers have written to the four Ministers commending them for issuing the joint statement, which urges the Canadian government to “be flexible and engage constructively” in all areas of the negotiation.

The Wheat Growers welcome this statement. As our letters to the Ministers note, “too often we have seen Canada adopt an intransigent attitude, particularly with respect to tariff issues and sensitive products, that undermine our overall trade objectives.”

The Minister’s joint statement also recognizes that failure to reach an agreement could delay negotiations for many years and cause increased levels of trade distortion and protectionism.

“We’re pleased to see that all western agriculture ministers agree on the importance of reaching a trade agreement,” says Mike Bast, Chair of the Wheat Growers. “We thank them for standing together and delivering such a strong and positive message to the Canadian negotiating team.”

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