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WRAP urges federal government to heed Prairie producers

Sherwood Park (September 21, 2011) – Wild Rose Agricultural Producers (WRAP) is urging the federal government to respect the results of the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) plebiscite on the future of wheat and barley marketing in western Canada.

“WRAP has consistently maintained that farmers should be afforded meaningful consultation and involvement in any decisions that directly affect their livelihoods,” said Dwayne Marshman, WRAP Director. “The results of the CWB vote clearly demonstrate that western Canadian grain producers want to retain single desk marketing for their wheat and barley.”

“Prairie farmers deserve the same consideration as grain producers in Ontario and Quebec – the latitude to determine the fate of their marketing system,” continued Marshman. “This plebiscite was coordinated by a reputable third party and the results are valid. Western producers have said they want single desk marketing, and it is incumbent on the federal government to listen and move forward on that basis.”

Besides marketing, the CWB also provides a host of other services that are invaluable to the agriculture industry, including support for research initiatives, market development, administration of advance payments programs, and advocacy for the industry both domestically and internationally.

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