



## NEWS RELEASE

---

### “The Voice of Manitoba Farmers”

203-1700 Ellice Ave. ~ Winnipeg MB ~ R3H 0B1

ph: (204) 697-1140 ~ fax: (204) 697-1109

[kap@kap.mb.ca](mailto:kap@kap.mb.ca) ~ [www.kap.mb.ca](http://www.kap.mb.ca)

#### **For immediate release**

October 31, 2008

## KAP Responds to Agriculture Appointment

Winnipeg –Keystone Agricultural Producers looks forward to working with Minister Gerry Ritz (MP Battlefords-Lloydminster), appointed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday as Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

KAP hopes Minister Ritz will take advantage of the experience and expertise of farm organizations through in-depth consultation as he deals with key issues such as implementing agri-flexibility to target regional and provincial needs, working to address rising input costs, responding to the issues surrounding food safety, and working on the details of the new *Growing Forward* framework. KAP is eager to meet with Minister Ritz to discuss these pressing issues.

"Manitoba's farmers are seeking action from the federal government on many issues, and we look forward to working with Minister Ritz to ensure our interests are well represented as the government gets back to business," said Ian Wishart, KAP President.

KAP continues to represent producers and the important issues that affect them on a provincial and national level through consultation with all levels of government. KAP is the voice of Manitoba farmers.

- 30 -

#### **For more information, please contact:**

Ian Wishart, President. Cell: (204) 856-6964.

Kristen Lucyshyn, KAP Communications. Office: (204) 697-1140. Cell: (204) 792-2661.

Keystone Agricultural Producers is Manitoba's largest general farm policy organization, representing over 7,000 farm families and 22 commodity groups throughout the province. Our strength is our democratic structure, and our mission is to represent and promote the interests of the province's farm families.