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## Food Safety, COOL issues for Ottawa Meeting

**Winnipeg** – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) will bring the voice of Manitoba’s farmers to the forefront in Ottawa next week, when thirteen delegates attend the Canadian Federation of Agriculture annual meeting.

Resolutions from KAP’s annual meeting which have a national impact will be brought forward and debated at the CFA meeting. The resolutions cover issues such as recognition for farmers for extra efforts in completing on-farm food safety procedures, Country of Origin Labeling (COOL), and flooding in the Interlake. If passed, the resolutions will become CFA policy.

“This is an important opportunity for us to meet with other farmers from across Canada to talk about our shared issues like food safety, business risk management and the state of the livestock industry,” said Ian Wishart, KAP President.

The theme of the annual meeting is *An Outlook On Agriculture: Profitability in a changing global economy*. With the current global economic situation, Wishart says there is no better time for farmers to look at the big picture and work together to build a stronger future for agriculture.

“From one corner of the country to the other, we all want to improve the agricultural sector and create a better environment for farmers. A united voice through the CFA allows us to work toward that,” said Wishart.

For more information about the CFA annual meeting, please go to [www.cfa-fca.ca](http://www.cfa-fca.ca).

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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.