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Manitoba’s Voice Heard at CFA

Winnipeg – Keystone Agricultural Producers officials returned from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture annual meeting in Ottawa with positive results for Manitoba producers.

KAP delegates brought forward a number of resolutions at the meeting, held February 24 to 26. The resolutions deal with issues such as developing an action plan for a sustainable livestock industry, compensation for completing on-farm food safety procedures, and assistance for Interlake producers who are facing challenges due to excess moisture in 2008. During the meeting, President Ian Wishart had the opportunity to express the importance of the Interlake situation to Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz.

“It was a productive and positive meeting, and we had some excellent discussions with the farm leaders from across the country,” said Ian Wishart, KAP President. “We are encouraged our ideas were well received, and we look forward to working with the CFA’s other provincial and commodity farm organizations on these critical producer issues.”

The CFA delegates passed each of KAP’s 14 resolutions. The resolutions related to issues including: Country of Origin Labeling (COOL), usage of the Port of Churchill, Transport Canada’s Discontinuance Process, Affordable Internet Service, Input Prices, the Railway Revenue Cap and the Western Grains Research Foundation, Own Use Importation (OUI), Crown Land Pasture Rates, and National Environmental Goods and Services Programming.

“When we bring our agricultural issues to the CFA we are gaining attention and awareness in the national agriculture debate, and ensuring our voice is heard,” said Wishart.

For more information about the CFA annual meeting, please go to www.cfa-fca.ca.

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