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Election Priorities for Prairie Farmers

Winnipeg – The future of the farming community in Canada depends on political decision makers understanding the integral contribution agriculture makes in Canada and farmers want to ensure that their issues are front and centre.

The three major farm organizations representing farmers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta have identified three priority areas for agriculture in the upcoming federal election and are reaching out to political candidates of all parties to remind them that the rural vote can make a difference.

The key issues affecting Prairie producers include the *Growing Forward* Agricultural Policy Framework (Business Risk Management programs, environmental sustainability and research and innovation), rail transportation and Canadian Grain Commission services.

Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) President Greg Marshall, Wild Rose Agricultural Producers (WRAP) President Humphrey Banack and Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) President Doug Chorney will meet in Winnipeg on Friday, April 15, 2011 to discuss these issues. Members of the media are invited to speak with the leaders following the meeting at 12:45 p.m. (CDT).

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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.