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Faces of Farming Celebrated at The Leg

Winnipeg – Most Manitobans may not know the farmers who grow their food, but today the Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) will join Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) and representatives of Manitoba’s farming community to highlight the faces of farming and explore opportunities and challenges in agriculture.

At 11:30 a.m., Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) will kick off its annual Farmer Appreciation Day at the Manitoba Legislative Building. MLAs, farmers, and agricultural groups will gather to take in messages from the province and opposition parties and producers will provide an outlook on what it’s like to farm in Manitoba.

“Each year we look forward to hosting Farmer Appreciation Day and we value this opportunity to communicate with Manitoba MLAs because the future of agriculture relies on governments that consider the needs of farmers and our operations when developing programs and policies,” said Ian Wishart, KAP President.

"Manitobans are fortunate to have access to an abundance of high-quality foods and agricultural products thanks to our hard-working farm families," said Premier Greg Selinger. "We are pleased to celebrate this special day with our partners at KAP by demonstrating our appreciation of the contributions agriculture makes to our lives and showing our willingness to work with farmers to help them meet their challenges as they farm for the future."

This is KAP’s 6th annual Farmer Appreciation Day, with over 70 people expected to take part in the event. A special activity has been planned which will offer MLAs the chance to meet farmers and hear about the benefits of farming in certain areas of the province and what the government can do to help farmers grow their businesses. FoodManitoba will also make a presentation regarding the new Great Tastes of Manitoba Cookbook.

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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.