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Farmers Applaud Wildlife Damage Compensation Change

Winnipeg – Keystone Agricultural Producers is pleased that the provincial government has stepped up to reinstate wildlife damage compensation to 100 per cent in 2012-2013.

"It is long standing KAP policy that farmers be compensated 100 per cent for losses due to wildlife, waterfowl and predator damage," said Rob Brunel, KAP President.

Farmers currently receive 80 per cent coverage and this additional 20 per cent provided by the province will be phased in over two years.

"It is only logical that farmers be compensated for damage that is beyond their control," said Brunel. "KAP has lobbied for this compensation since 2005 when it was cut under the Agricultural Policy Framework agreement."

This is good news for Manitoba farmers and KAP encourages farmers to take precautions and measures to help mitigate damages.

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