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Farmers Must Use Good Judgement When Burning

Winnipeg – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) strongly urges producers to follow best management practices when burning crop residue and to do their best to minimize the impact on the environment.

KAP recognizes that the crop residue burning happening in Manitoba does not usually occur at this time of year and that it is due to the type of growing year producers have experienced.

“We know the wet weather over this past season did not allow some farmers time to incorporate crop residue back into the soil, and that environmental conditions have made it necessary to burn,” said Rob Brunel, KAP Vice President. “As farmers we are sympathetic to the concerns of those in areas that may be affected by stubble burning and we don’t want lingering smoke to result.”

KAP encourages producers to follow important guidelines for burning crop residue including ensuring that fires are supervised at all times, ensuring smoke will not create an unreasonable hazard to health or highway safety, and making sure fireguards are in place to prevent the spread of fires.

“We all must use good judgement when burning and ensure that we act responsibly so that burning remains available as an option,” said Brunel.

KAP continues to work with the provincial government to address this important issue and has two representatives on the crop residue burning advisory committee.

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