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Farmers and MLAs Meet to Talk Agriculture

Winnipeg – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) and representatives of Manitoba's farming community gathered with Members of the Legislative Assembly at the Manitoba Legislative Building today for KAP's 7th Annual Farmer Appreciation Day.

Each year the event highlights the contribution farming makes to the province. KAP was pleased to welcome Hon. Stan Struthers, Minister of Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives, as he brought greetings on behalf of the province. Also bringing greetings were Hugh McFadyen, Progressive Conservative Leader and Leader of the Official Opposition, and Dr. Jon Gerrard, Manitoba Liberal Leader.

"We always look forward to hosting this event and we value the opportunity to meet with our Manitoba MLAs, both urban and rural, to showcase the importance of our sector to the province," said Rob Brunel, KAP President.

Individual farmers and commodity groups shared their experiences and spoke with MLAs about some of the timely issues affecting farm families such as business risk management tools, the future of the livestock industry, drainage and excess moisture challenges.

"Farmers want to continue to establish good working relationships with MLAs so we can come together to develop policies to help us reach our goals and be successful in our operations," said Brunel. "We can work together to ensure that the policies put in place lead us to environmental, economic and social sustainability.

Farmers are at the centre of an industry that employs thousands of other Manitobans and helps drive the provincial economy and KAP is pleased to host such a positive day in order to raise awareness about agriculture in Manitoba.

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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.