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Follow Rules on Crop Residue Burning

Winnipeg – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) reminds producers that they must follow the crop residue burning restrictions set out by the province, and to burn only when it is allowed.

“Stubble burning is a necessary tool for some producers and we all need to ensure that we act responsibly so that it remains available as an option,” said Ian Wishart, KAP President.

Producers must obtain authorization in order to burn crop residue between now and November 15. Authorizations specify the hours that daytime burning will be allowed as well as authorized areas within the province. Producers must adhere to Manitoba's controlled burning program by checking the daily burning authorization by calling the toll-free information line at 1-800-265-1233 or online at www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/news/burn. Permits are required for stubble burning in municipalities surrounding the city of Winnipeg. They are available online or from local GO offices.

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

“Producers must respect the effect that stubble burning can have on health and safety and of course only burn when it's safe to do so,” said Wishart.

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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