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KAP Releases Inputs Survey

Winnipeg – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) has released the results of its spring fuel and fertilizer survey, which shows only a slight decrease in the extreme pricing for inputs in the 2008 crop year. When comparing the 2009 fertilizer prices to previous years, KAP observed that the prices are still up considerably compared to two or three years ago when they were considered to be at more reasonable levels.

“A small decline in the cost of several inputs such as anhydrous, dry nitrogen, liquid phosphate, and dry phosphate is insignificant for farmers who have seen prices for these fertilizers soar over the past three years,” said Ian Wishart, KAP President.

The price increases have been as much as 20 per cent to 208 per cent over the past few years.

“In 2006, potash was at \$297.10 per tonne and that price increased to \$487.08 last year. Now for 2009, potash skyrocketed to \$915.12—this is totally unacceptable,” said Wishart.

Since 2005, KAP has conducted a spring input price survey to monitor provincial prices for fuel and fertilizer, and to shine a spotlight on the increasing costs of doing business on the farm.

The survey results and comparisons to previous years are attached.

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