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## KAP Sets Policy at General Council

**Winnipeg** – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) delegates from across the province met in Brandon on July 14 to learn more about emerging issues in agriculture, and to set direction for the organization. The following resolutions were passed, and are now KAP policy:

### **Drainage Improvement**

**THAT** KAP lobby the federal and provincial governments to enter into a cost share agreement with a local improvement fee on farmland taxes to assist with drainage improvement outlined in the Integrated Watershed Management Plan.

### **Cash Advance**

**THAT** KAP lobby Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) to allow the option of producers being allowed to report on either a half or full section basis if the land is farmed by the same producer and is under same crop insurance classification.

### **Agri-Energy**

**THAT** KAP adopt the amendments made to the Agricultural Energy Policy Paper by the Agri-Energy Sub-Committee. (For a copy of the paper, please email the KAP office.)

### **Onsite Wastewater Management**

**THAT** KAP lobby the provincial government for the continued use of wastewater ejectors in areas where suitable conditions and adequate land base exist so that the environmental impact is minimal.

### **Additional Crops Under The Canada Grain Act**

**THAT** KAP ask the federal government for the inclusion of other crops, such as canary seed, under the Canada Grain Act.

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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.