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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 22 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:

BUSINESS RISK MANAGEMENT

MASC Risk Area 12

THAT KAP lobby the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation to look at the feasibility of dividing Risk Area 12 into a north and south half; and further,

THAT KAP lobby for a review of all Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation risk areas.

Excess Moisture Insurance Coverage

THAT KAP lobby the provincial and federal governments to analyze the Excess Moisture Insurance program with the intention of raising payments to a rate between \$70 to \$90 to reflect the increase in costs associated with agricultural production.

MASC Appraisal Methodology

THAT KAP lobby the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation to review their crop appraisal methodology to take into account the viability of impacted plants and not only the plant numbers.

Extension of the Canada-Manitoba Excess Moisture Assistance Program

THAT KAP lobby the provincial and federal governments to make the 2010 Canada-Manitoba Excess Moisture Assistance Program under AgriRecovery, retroactive to the 2008 and 2009 crop years in areas of multi-year flooding.

Excess Moisture Insurance Deductible

THAT KAP lobby the provincial and federal governments to instruct the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation to remove the deductible on 2010 Canada-Manitoba Excess Moisture Assistance Program payments.

BRM Programs and Multi-year Crop Losses

THAT KAP investigate ways to improve Business Risk Management programs, including crop insurance, to better serve regions suffering from multi-year crop losses.

AgriStability Priority Processing

THAT KAP lobby Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to place a higher priority on processing files from areas suffering from disasters.

ENVIRONMENT

Rodeo® Herbicide

THAT KAP lobby Manitoba Conservation and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency to register Rodeo® herbicide for brush and cattail control in Manitoba ditches.

Cover Crop Protection Program

THAT KAP lobby the provincial and federal governments to introduce an adequately funded, joint program similar to the Cover Crop Protection Program.

GRAINS, OILSEEDS AND PULSES

Producer Payment Security Mechanism

THAT KAP, in the event that bonding under the Canada Grain Act is removed, support a fund based approach for producer payment security; and further,

THAT KAP ask the government to financially support the implementation of a fund based approach should bonding be eliminated.

Farmers' Rights Contract

THAT KAP investigate writing a Farmers' Rights contract to offset liabilities imposed on producers by multi-national seed company contracts and make it publicly available to farmers across Western Canada to use as they see fit when signing seed company contracts.

Flax Seed Value Added Processing

THAT KAP promote policy that aids in the development of flax seed crushing and value-added processing in Canada which would retain jobs in Canada and result in exports of finished products.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

La Salle and Morris Watershed Capacity

THAT KAP lobby the federal and provincial governments to examine issues regarding the capacity of the Morris River and the La Salle River, with considerations of diversions to the Red River and the Assiniboine River.

Road Weight Restriction Harmonization

THAT KAP lobby Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation to harmonize road weight restrictions with the rest of Western Canada by increasing maximums to 63,500 kg on appropriate roads.

TRANSPORTATION

Feed Freight Assistance

THAT KAP lobby the provincial and federal governments to establish a feed freight assistance program for 2010 that includes interprovincial movements.

OTHER

Education Tax

THAT KAP lobby the Manitoba Government to remove all education tax from farm property.

Commodity and Retail Price Comparison

THAT KAP and CFA undertake a public relations campaign to inform the general public of the discrepancy between current wheat prices and the price of bakery products.

National Food Strategy

THAT KAP support and participate in the development of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture's National Food Strategy.

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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.