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Changes to Employment Standards Code

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) recognizes the need to review and update the Employment Standards Code for agriculture and to adjust regulations based on the unique needs of the province's farms.

KAP and its commodity group members have consulted internally and with government on the issue. What we've learned is that the vast majority of agricultural operations already meet or exceed the Code's requirements, due to a competitive job market in rural areas. We continue to believe that agriculture should be treated as one sector so that the Code is clear and understandable for all agricultural employers and employees. KAP does not support the segregation of agriculture as the provincial government has done in its recommended changes.

We are pleased that the Labour & Immigration Minister has committed to work with KAP and farmers to ensure there is still flexibility under the Code so that the unique nature of agriculture can be accommodated, and solutions found. KAP will be following through with the department on this commitment to ensure that this flexibility is developed, based on models used in other sectors in Manitoba.

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