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## **Rail Strike Another Rising Cost for Farmers**

**Winnipeg** – The ongoing strike at CN Rail costs Manitoba’s farmers money every day that it continues, so Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is pleased that a mediator has been appointed by the federal government to help end the dispute.

“Farmers end up footing the bill when our grain deliveries are behind schedule,” says KAP President David Rolfe. “And we all know that any additional costs such as demurrage and lost commodity sales that result from the strike will eventually trickle back to the farm gate, at a time when farmers are looking for cash flow to pay bills.”

Should the mediation be unsuccessful, KAP is concerned that additional costs and bottlenecks will be created going into spring, as farmers purchase fertilizer and other inputs that may be transported by rail.

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Keystone Agricultural Producers is Manitoba’s largest general farm policy organization, representing over 7,000 farm families and 20 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.