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Farmers Looking to Federal Budget

Winnipeg – Manitoba’s farmers are looking toward next week’s federal budget with the hopes that the government will continue to build on its recent \$1 billion commitment to agriculture.

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is looking for a number of key items to be included in the budget, including:

- a commitment to redesigned, predictable, and adequately funded safety net programs, that build on previous funding announcements;
- incentives for biofuel production that are comparable to those in the United States, to encourage green energy development and the rural economy;
- building on recent commitments made to publicly-funded agricultural research, as part of a long-term investment strategy; and
- investment in agricultural programs that provide public benefits to all Canadians, in areas like environmental conservation and food safety. This includes support for the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) program, which proposes a new farmer-led opportunity to enhance Canada’s natural resources on farmlands.

Farmers are also looking to government to show leadership on the taxation rules that apply to inter-generational farm transfers, so that agriculture’s next generation is able to purchase and invest in their operations effectively.

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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.