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After Election, Time to Make Progress on Ag Issues

Winnipeg – Manitobans made their choices known at the ballot box, and Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is anticipating a productive working relationship with all of the province’s MLAs, especially those that have an interest in agriculture. The most critical issue that must now be addressed by the newly-elected government is the fate of Manitoba’s nutrient management regulations.

KAP led a coalition of farm groups that negotiated with government to develop a fair and workable set of regulations for agriculture, while highlighting the need for an incentive package to help farmers adapt to these changes. The regulations still have not been finalized, and the details of adequate financial programs have not yet been defined.

“Our first priority has to be moving forward with the recommendations developed by the farming community,” says KAP President David Rolfe. “That includes the negotiated regulations in conjunction with a fair and adequate incentive package.”

This election saw the continuation of a fairly significant urban-rural split in the vote. KAP is willing to tackle the challenge of explaining the economic, environmental, and societal value of agriculture to urban and rural MLAs, while continuing to increase awareness about farming issues with all Manitobans.

“Agriculture affects every Manitoban, whether we realize it or not,” says Rolfe. “We’re ready to talk about the issues that are important to farmers, and important to Manitobans, as this government gets back to business.”

For a complete list of the issues that top KAP’s priority list for government, please review our previously-released election document, titled *Leadership, Sustainability & Our Future*, which is available online at www.kap.mb.ca.

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