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Agriculture in the Throne Speech

Winnipeg – Based on yesterday’s Speech from the Throne, the next session of government is going to be a busy one for Manitoba’s farmers, says Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP). KAP looks forward to working with government on the following issues:

- The ongoing development of *Growing Forward*, the federal-provincial-territorial agreement that will create a framework for agricultural programs and policies in the coming years.
- The development of a carbon offsets trading system, which could be a completely new stream of revenue in agriculture. Through various farm management practices, Canadian farmers have a unique opportunity to collect and sell their carbon offsets.
- Increasing food safety requirements for imported foods. Many farmers are concerned that the food grown in Canada to strict safety protocols must compete with food from other countries that may not have the same safeguards in place.
- The government’s support of supply management.
- Decreasing interprovincial trade barriers.
- Ongoing opportunities in the biofuels sector.

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