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## Fertilizer Pricing IS an Issue

**Winnipeg** – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is surprised and extremely disappointed that the federal Competition Bureau has decided to not investigate the high prices that Manitoba's farmers are paying for fertilizer. The glaring price disparity between Canada and the United States was not reason enough to investigate, according to the Bureau.

KAP's standing policy calls for a federal investigation. This fall, the organization commissioned a study on Manitoba and North Dakota fertilizer prices that clearly showed our province's farmers are paying an average of 33% more. This data was provided to the Competition Bureau along with our request.

The response that KAP received was that our complaint does not raise any issues under the Competition Act, and that the investigation has been ended. KAP will continue to lobby for an explanation and a reduction in the high prices that Manitoba's farm families are paying as compared to our neighbors to the south.

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