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## Ag Tire Recycling Rolls Out Smoothly

**Winnipeg** – Manitoba’s new agricultural tire recycling program is rolling out smoothly today, thanks in part to the ongoing work of Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP). From the outset, it was clear that agriculture would be called on to pay its share of recycling costs. Since December 2006, KAP has been involved in the process to ensure that producers’ voices were heard and that a workable solution was found for Manitoba’s farmers.

Effective today, farmers will be paying a small environmental levy on new agricultural tire they purchase, to help support the recycling infrastructure. This funding formula was developed with KAP’s input to ensure that it was fair and balanced.

“This is just another example of how farmers put their money behind their commitment to the environment,” says KAP President Ian Wishart. “Farmers can be sure that we now have a place to send used tires, and have confidence that we are continuing to decrease our environmental impact.”

Virtually all of KAP’s recommendations were adopted in the final levy structure, which ranges from \$4.50 to \$15.00 per tire based on size. KAP made substantial gains from the initial proposal from government, which would have been a financial burden for producers.

The next year will be important to monitor and learn how many agricultural tires enter the recycling system. KAP is optimistic that it will have the opportunity to sit on the advisory board of Tire Stewardship Manitoba, as agriculture is now a contributor to the recycling process.

For more information about the new agricultural tire recycling levy, go to [www.tirestewardshipmb.ca](http://www.tirestewardshipmb.ca).

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