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Farmers target unreasonable cost of railway transportation

(WINNIPEG) - National and provincial farm organizations will hold a news conference and photo opportunity at a grain terminal in Winnipeg on Tuesday, March 25, to express farmer concern over excessive costs for transporting western Canadian grain by rail. Results will be released from a revealing study that raises serious new issues about railway revenues in relation to farmer costs and declining rail service for grain.

Representatives of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA), the National Farmers Union (NFU), the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB), and farm leaders from Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP), the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS), and Wild Rose Agricultural Producers (WRAP) will be present and available for questions and interviews.

A conference call line will be available for out-of-town media wishing to participate by phone: **1-800-319-4610**. This call will be restricted to **media only**. For others, the event will be live Webcast though www.cwb.ca and archived on the site for 90 days.

WHAT Farmer news conference on railway transportation cost

WHEN Tuesday, March 25, 2008
Photo op and opening remarks at 11:00 a.m. CDT
News conference, web cast, and teleconference at 11:15 a.m. CDT

WHERE Paterson Lilyfield grain terminal
Just west of Inskter and Route 90, Winnipeg

Directions: Travel west of Route 90 (Brookside Blvd/Oak Point Hwy) on Inskter Blvd. to Prairie Dog Trail (just past tracks), turn north on gravel road. At second stop sign, turn left.

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