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Federal Election Candidates Talk Agriculture

Winnipeg – Agriculture was in the spotlight yesterday as rural Manitobans had the opportunity to hear from federal election candidates during a live radio debate presented by Keystone Agricultural Producers and Golden West Radio. KAP would like to thank the representatives from the Conservative Party, Green Party, Liberal Party, and the NDP for participating in the debate, as well as farm broadcaster Kelvin Heppner who served as the moderator.

The roundtable participants included Selkirk-Interlake Conservative candidate James Bezan, Liberal candidate for Charleswood-St. James-Assiniboia Bob Friesen, Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette NDP candidate Ron Strynadka, and Portage-Lisgar Green candidate Charlie Howatt.

“Manitoba’s farmers appreciate that the candidates agreed to participate in the roundtable, and that they were able to share some interesting insight into their party platforms,” said Ian Wishart, KAP President.

The party representatives answered questions on critical agricultural issues including input costs, transportation, business risk management, working with farm organizations, the Canadian Wheat Board, and the environment.

The debate was available on four Golden West Radio stations including CFAM 950 AM in Altona, CFRY 920 AM and 93.1 FM in Portage, CHSM 1250 AM in Steinbach, and CJRB 1220 AM in Boissevain.

For a complete list of the issues that top KAP’s priority list for the federal government, please review our document titled Election Issues, which is available online at www.kap.mb.ca.

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