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WRAP urges federal government to respect court decision on Bill C-18

Sherwood Park (December 8, 2011) – Federal Court Judge Douglas Campbell’s ruling on the Conservative government’s legislative introduction of the Marketing Freedom for Grain Farmers Act, Bill C-18, affirms the long-standing position of Wild Rose Agricultural Producers (WRAP) that producers, not government, should decide the fate of single desk marketing for wheat and barley.

“We are concerned with the federal government’s handling of the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) issue,” stated Humphrey Banack, WRAP President. “The ongoing uncertainty around Bill C-18 has implications for farmers’ marketing options for the coming crop year. We are making decisions right now without a clear sense of where this will end and that is not good for the wheat and barley industries.”

“The federal government owes it to all Canadians to address these new issues so that western Canadian grain producers can have confidence in the future direction of the marketing of the wheat and barley production that Alberta grain producers rely on for their incomes,” concluded Banack.

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