

# Farm Inputs

## **PEST MANAGEMENT PRODUCT REGISTRATION**

APAS supports a science-based regulatory system for crop protection products that is efficient, safeguards public safety, the environment and protects human health. APAS supports fast-tracked testing and registration of foreign crop protection products that are proven to be more effective than products currently available on the Canadian market.

## **ON FARM SEED TREATMENT**

APAS believes that producers must retain the opportunity to purchase seed treatment products and treat seed on farm.

## **SEED PURITY**

APAS supports periodic review of seed standards to ensure tolerances for weed seeds and other foreign material are consistent with modern seed cleaning technology.

## **COMPETITION**

APAS believes that producers must be protected against excessive or monopolistic pricing of privately developed technologies. Canada's Competition Bureau must be provided the legislative authority and resources to review proposed mergers and acquisitions to prevent business practices that would lessen competition in the agriculture input industry.

# Research and Biotechnology

## **GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOs)**

APAS believes that federal and provincial governments should provide a scientific and evidence-based approach to biotechnology regulations. APAS supports consumer education to create awareness and trust of biotechnology.

## **PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS**

APAS believes farmers must have the right to retain seed from a protected variety for their own use without paying additional royalties. Protected varieties must be available to researchers for further varietal development.

### **PUBLIC SECTOR RESEARCH**

APAS believes that agricultural research is critical to the economic and environmental viability of the agricultural sector. APAS supports a strong and continuing public presence in agricultural research to ensure the knowledge and technology generated through research is maintained in the public realm and available to all producers. Agricultural research programs must be provided with stable and predictable funding, focusing on both discovery science and applied research outcomes.

### **PRODUCER LED RESEARCH**

APAS believes that producers must be involved in setting research agendas and informing industry, government and other partners of the research needs in primary agriculture. APAS supports producer investment in research through check-offs, provided the organizations administering these funds remain producer driven and accountable to those paying the check-off.

### **UNIVERSITY LED RESEARCH**

APAS recognizes the important role of university led research in maintaining Saskatchewan's status as a world leader in agricultural science and innovation. APAS believes that universities must be provided with adequate funding to attract and retain the competent scientists and agricultural researchers.