



SK Farm coalition to host 2015 Farmers' Forum on Grain Transportation

June 30, 2015 – Saskatoon, SK - A Saskatchewan-based farm coalition group, consisting of the Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission (Sask Wheat), the Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission (SaskBarley), and the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS), will be hosting the 2015 Farmers' Forum on Grain Transportation July 20 in Saskatoon. This one-day event targets farmers and industry members who are interested in keeping on top of the latest developments around transportation issues that affect farmers and potential solutions for the future.

“For many months our coalition group has been driving home our recommendations for change within the Canadian transportation and handling system. Now we want to see these recommendations translate into positive outcomes for Western Canadian grain farmers,” says APAS Board President Norm Hall. “This forum will bring together some of the leading experts in transportation and agriculture to discuss the best path forward to ensure these changes are made. It will also be an opportunity for attendees to deepen their understanding of the current transportation and handling environment, the implications for farmers, and the solutions that are needed for improved capacity and efficiency.”

Topics for the forum include: an overview of the growth in demand for rail services in Saskatchewan; rail investment strategy to grow capacity; an update on the current Canadian Transportation Act (CTA) review process; a look at how the Maximum Revenue Entitlement works; changes needed to build rail capacity and efficiency for Western Canadian resources and shippers; and more. Speakers include: Terry Whiteside, of the Montana-based firm Whiteside & Associates; Murad Al-Katib, Special Advisor to the CTA Review Panel; Mark Hemmes of Quorum Corporation; John Edsforth of Travacon Research Ltd.; and more. For a full agenda and registration information, please visit <http://www.apas.ca/farmers-forum-on-grain-transportation-july-20-2015>

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