



## **APAS Releases Provincial Election Policy Document, “Why Ag Matters”**

March 16, 2016 – For Immediate Release - Earlier today, the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) released “[Why Ag Matters](#),” a document featuring provincial election issues of importance to Saskatchewan agricultural producers and rural communities, as well as policy recommendations for each issue.

“Election campaigns focus public attention on choices, and this document lays out the issues and potential policy directions for the future,” says APAS President Norm Hall. “As Saskatchewan’s general farm policy organization, our members devote considerable time and attention to discussing and refining agricultural policy. The issues and recommendations outlined in this document reflect that work.”

“[Why Ag Matters](#)” covers policy areas such as transportation, generational change in agriculture, the future of the livestock industry, climate change, water management, and more. It also addresses key infrastructure issues affecting rural Saskatchewan, such as access to broadband Internet, cell phone coverage and social infrastructure.

“We urge all industry stakeholders to familiarize themselves with this information before they head to the polls this spring, and we look forward to receiving feedback from the political parties and sharing that discussion with our members and the public,” says Hall.

On March 22, APAS will team up with the Western Producer to host the pre-election “Why Ag Matters – An Agricultural Dialogue” meeting in Saskatoon. The event will be an opportunity for voters to clearly understand the agricultural and food platforms of the five provincial political parties before the provincial election this spring. To learn more or register to attend, visit [www.apas.ca/why-ag-matters-provincial-election-dialogue](http://www.apas.ca/why-ag-matters-provincial-election-dialogue).

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