



## **APAS supports Canadian Grain Commission use of surplus funds for Harvest Sample Program testing**

*August 1, 2018 – For Immediate Release* – The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan has offered support for the Canadian Grain Commission’s announcement that producers will receive falling number and DON tests free of charge in the Harvest Sample Program, as part of the plan to deal with the surplus in the Grain Commission’s revolving Fund.

“When we looked at all the options for dealing with the CGC surplus, our first criteria was that producers paid the fees, and they should benefit from the use for the surplus,” explained APAS President Todd Lewis. “Since there was no fair or simple way to refund the surplus fees back to individual producers, our members supported measures to improve services for grain producers.”

Lewis added that the plan announced by the Grain Commission was very consistent with APAS recommendations in its submission to the consultations.

“Our members were very active in carefully considering all options in developing our recommendations, and we are very pleased that our recommendations were recognized, and that the Harvest Sample Program has been enhanced. We look forward to further announcements on the plans for the CGC surplus in the near future.”

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**Background:** APAS is Saskatchewan’s general farm organization – formed to provide farmers and ranchers with a democratically elected, grassroots, non-partisan, producer-run organization based on rural municipal boundaries. As the united voice of thousands of agricultural producers and ranchers in Saskatchewan, we strive to represent the views of a wide variety of agricultural stakeholders in order to form comprehensive policies that can benefit all sectors of society. APAS is a member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.