



APAS asks Senate ag committee to reconsider carbon tax

Recognize farmers' ability to reduce green house gas emissions through carbon sequestration

May 8, 2018 – For Immediate Release – The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan maintains its opposition to the imposition of carbon pricing policy on Saskatchewan agricultural producers, a message that APAS President Todd Lewis will bring to the Senate today.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry is meeting to continue its study of items related to farming in Bill C-74 and Lewis will be presenting.

“We need to be very clear,” Lewis says. “The Carbon Backstop policy applies mainly to Saskatchewan, and to our members who make up a very large part of Canada’s agricultural industry.”

Lewis will be reminding the Senate that agricultural producers are unable to pass along any increased costs resulting from a carbon tax to consumers, and that farmers are not being recognized for the work they are already doing to reduce carbon emissions through carbon sequestration.

Lewis also notes the irony in Bill C-74’s definition of a farmer as “...a person that carries on a farming business with a reasonable expectation of profit.”

“The provisions contained in this Bill work to make that definition less credible,” Lewis says.

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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.

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