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APAS, SaskFSA, and Access Communications are partnering to host Growing Agriculture: 2020 Saskatchewan Provincial Election Forum.

Regina, SK – Access Communications, Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) and Saskatchewan Farm Stewardship Association (SaskFSA) are partnering on a special election forum focused on Saskatchewan agriculture. Candidates representing the Sask Party, NDP and Liberals will respond to priority issues, with Shaun Haney of RealAgriculture moderating a producer panel to discuss and debate the responses. *Growing Agriculture* will air on AccessNow TV community channels from October 19th to 25th.

“This forum is a great way to highlight the importance of Saskatchewan agriculture leading up to the provincial election,” said APAS President and *Growing Agriculture* panelist Todd Lewis. “Good agricultural policy is crucial if agriculture is to remain the driver of our economy, and we need our political candidates to understand that.”

Growing Agriculture: 2020 Saskatchewan Provincial Election Forum is a 90-minute conversation focusing on a variety of topics of concern to rural producers, including:

- Saskatchewan Agriculture in 2040 – the vision for agriculture and the plan to support it
- Improving rural internet and cellphone service
- Supporting the next generation of farmers
- Improving Business Risk Management programs
- Responsible agricultural water management
- Recognizing and supporting the environmental benefits of agriculture

“This forum is an opportunity to shine a light on the need for affordable, reliable and high-quality internet for all who call this province home,” said Tracey Mucha, Community Programming Manager at Access Communications. “Access recognizes the importance of giving a voice to rural Saskatchewan. APAS and SaskFSA are bringing forward the issues that matter to rural communities.”

Growing Agriculture: 2020 Saskatchewan Provincial Election Forum is set to air October 19-25 on AccessNow TV community channels across the province, as well as online at www.realagriculture.com. The forum is proudly sponsored by Saskatchewan Egg Producers, Saskatchewan Pork Development Board, Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission and Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association.

For more information, visit www.apas.ca/growingagriculture. For more AccessNow TV electoral coverage, visit www.myaccess.ca/decision2020.

About Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS)

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) gives a strong, unified voice to

Saskatchewan's farmers and ranchers. Founded in 2000 by farmers, APAS is Saskatchewan's democratic, nonpartisan, grassroots general farm organization that advocates for the province's agricultural producers. We tackle agriculture's most important problems and offer practical, forward-thinking solutions to provincial and national decision makers.

About Saskatchewan Farm Stewardship Association (SaskFSA)

SaskFSA advocates on behalf of Saskatchewan's farmers to influence government policy and legislation for a balanced approach to land management, agriculture drainage, the environment, and the need for producing healthy food in Saskatchewan

About Access Communications Co-operative

Access Communications Co-operative is one of Saskatchewan's largest telecommunications companies, but we do so much more than provide reliable, affordable internet, television, telephone, and security services. What makes Access unique is our involvement in the communities we serve, especially through our AccessNow TV community channels.

Access Communications began serving customers in 1978. Since then, we have grown into a province-wide co-operative serving over 235 communities and 170,000 sq. km of rural areas in Saskatchewan. As a not-for-profit co-operative, we invest 100% of our earnings right back into the communities and rural areas where we live and do business. To learn more about our Co-operative, visit www.myaccess.ca.

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