



One step closer to carbon tax exemption on grain drying

APAS welcomes vote on Bill C-206 to provide carbon tax exemptions for propane and natural gas

February 25, 2021 (Regina, SK) – The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) supports passage of Bill-C-206, which would exempt on-farm natural gas and propane use for grain drying and heating from the carbon tax. Opposition parties supported the private Members’ bill, which passed its second reading on February 24 will now move to Committee.

“Our members have been very concerned about the impact of the federal carbon pricing system on unavoidable energy inputs like fuel to dry grain or heat livestock facilities,” explained APAS President Todd Lewis. “We have been calling for the federal government to recognize these impacts and provide relief through exemptions, or rebates at the very least. We would like to thank the members of the House of Commons that heard the concerns of producers.”

Cost estimates developed by APAS in 2019 and updated in 2021 showed a \$1.04 per acre production cost increase for wheat, rising to \$4.44 per acre by 2030.

“We have argued for years that producers cannot pass these additional costs along to our customers, and that they further reduce our financial viability,” said Lewis. “This additional cost of carbon taxation does not help to solve the problem of carbon emissions.”

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Background: Founded in 2000 by farmers, APAS is Saskatchewan’s democratic, non-partisan agricultural policy and advocacy organization. APAS tackles agriculture’s most important problems and offers practical solutions to provincial and national decision makers.