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### **Farmers Getting Less While Consumers Pay More**

**REGINA, SK** – Farmers are receiving less of the food dollar while consumers continue to pay more at the grocery store. This is the key finding of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan’s (APAS) 2026 *Farmers and Food Prices Report*.

Now in its fourth year, the report examines the relationship between farm-level commodity prices and retail food costs across a range of everyday food products – and continues to show that changes in commodity prices are not directly driving increases at the grocery store.

“Our data continues to show a consistent story—food prices are rising, but the farmer’s share is actually shrinking,” said APAS President Bill Prybylski.

Across more than half of the products tracked, the portion of the retail food dollar returning to producers declined in 2025, while grocery prices remained elevated – raising the question: if not farmers, what is driving food price increases?

“Food inflation is a complex issue, but what’s clear is that producers and consumers are not on opposite sides,” Prybylski said. “Both are being impacted by a supply chain that lacks transparency.”

The report highlights a growing disconnect in the food system:

- Producers are facing rising input costs, including fuel, fertilizer, and other essential inputs
- Commodity prices remain volatile and are set by global markets
- Consumers continue to face persistently high grocery prices

Because producers operate in global commodity markets, they cannot set prices or pass on rising costs like other parts of the supply chain. APAS is calling for greater transparency to better understand where costs are accumulating—and who is benefiting.

APAS says the federal government’s recently released National Food Security Strategy is an important step forward, particularly its focus on supply chains and market power within the food system.

“For years, we’ve been calling for greater insight into what’s happening between the farm gate and the consumer,” Prybylski added. “The federal government’s commitment to examine supply chains and pricing is a positive step toward bringing more transparency.”

Through this report, APAS aims to bring greater awareness to the realities faced by producers and contribute to a more informed national conversation on food prices. The full report is available at:

[apas.ca/policy/farmers-and-food-prices](https://apas.ca/policy/farmers-and-food-prices)

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