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APAS Supports Saskatchewan Trade Mission to China to Strengthen Agricultural Markets

REGINA, SK – The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is thanking Minister Warren Kaeding for his leadership and efforts to strengthen Saskatchewan’s agricultural trade relationships and market access for producers through his current trade mission to China.

China represents approximately 20 per cent of Saskatchewan’s agri-food exports. In 2024, exports to China reached \$3.7 billion, but declined to \$2.3 billion in 2025 following the implementation of tariffs. Recent improvements in market conditions have been encouraging. Since the removal of tariffs on March 1, export activity has begun to rebound, with China importing 369,000 tonnes of Canadian canola in March—exceeding the total volume imported during the previous seven months combined.

“Farmers have welcomed the reduction of tariffs on Canadian canola seed, as it restores access to a key export market and provides greater certainty for producers navigating global trade uncertainty,” Prybylski said. “However, long-term predictability is critical. Saskatchewan producers need continued progress on removing trade barriers and ensuring tariff relief measures are extended or made permanent.”

Despite encouraging signs, significant tariffs remain on key agricultural products, including canola seed (14.9 per cent), canola oil (100 per cent), and pork (25 per cent). Relief measures for canola meal and peas are set to expire in December 2026. APAS is calling for continued efforts to eliminate these barriers and establish permanent relief to foster market stability.

“Reliable, rules-based trade is critical for the success of Saskatchewan’s agriculture industry,” Prybylski added. “Producers depend on stable global markets, but trade disruptions often leave farmers bearing the financial burden without adequate tools to mitigate risk.”

As part of its commitment to trade and market diversification, APAS continues to support efforts that strengthen export relationships and open new opportunities for Saskatchewan producers. By collaborating with government and industry partners, APAS aims to secure long-term growth and competitiveness of Canadian agriculture.

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