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APAS Urges Government Action - Farmers Need Clear Support in the Face of Trade Uncertainty

REGINA, SK – With most farmers focused on harvest, the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) has its sights set on the uncertainty created by the Chinese tariffs on agriculture products. APAS is calling on the federal government to signal immediate support for farmers, help advance domestic processing capacity, and diversify export markets to ensure long-term stability for Canada's agriculture sector.

"While there were announcements of up to 4.6 million metric tonnes of additional canola processing capacity in Saskatchewan, progress has been limited with only Cargill's 1 million metric tonne project expected to be operational soon," said APAS President Bill Prybylski. "A prime opportunity exists for Bunge, which—following its takeover of Viterra—is mandated to invest \$500 million in capital expenditures. A commitment by Bunge to move ahead with this its Regina project would significantly benefit Saskatchewan's economy and reassure producers across the province. It's time for government and industry to reassess these plans and work to move them forward."

APAS warns that Saskatchewan's producers are facing unprecedented uncertainty this harvest season. With uncertain prices for canola and peas and higher carry-over inventories from last year putting financial pressure on farmers and trade disputes adding to the strain.

"Farmers are facing a perfect storm of challenges this harvest," said Prybylski. "Uncertain prices, unsold inventory, and unreliable trading relationships put them in a dangerous position—not from any decisions they made, but as collateral of a global trade dispute they didn't start and don't want. Farmers need to know the government has their backs if this situation continues or worsens."

Saskatchewan is Canada's largest canola and pea producing province, and APAS notes that expanded domestic processing facilities could dramatically improve stability for farmers while stimulating economic growth for Canada.

"Domestic processing isn't just about insulating farmers from global trade risks—it's about creating certainty for the entire agriculture industry and supporting the broader Canadian economy," Prybylski explained. "Saskatchewan producers need these processing facilities to materialize. If we can crush more of our canola or process more peas here at home, it reduces dependence on volatile export markets, creates jobs, and keeps value within Canada."

APAS is also urging the federal government to prioritize diversification of export markets for Canadian agriculture products. China currently accounts for a significant portion of Canadian canola exports, making geopolitical tensions and trade barriers increasingly threatening to Saskatchewan's producers. Expanding export opportunities in regions such as South Asia, South America, and Europe would help stabilize demand and protect farm incomes.



If the federal government takes decisive action to support farmers, accelerate domestic processing capabilities, and diversify export markets, it will create stability not just for agriculture, but for the entire Canadian economy. The pieces are largely in place—we just need leadership to push them forward,” Prybylski adds.

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