

Only a Vote Will Do

SASKATOON, Sask., September 25, 2006 – A group of producers from all Prairie Provinces gathered today in Saskatoon to demand Prime Minister Stephen Harper allow farmers to decide on the future of the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB).

“The federal Conservative government has said it is on a one-way path to remove the single desk authority of the CWB. It has established a task force to guide implementation of this change. This is premature and reveals their lack of regard for democracy and for anyone who may disagree with them.”, said ***Real Voice for Choice*** co-chairperson Larry Bohdanovich, Grandview, Manitoba.

The CWB Act stipulates that the addition or deletion of any grains from the CWB mandate requires a plebiscite by eligible voters to the CWB.

Bohdanovich continued, “There is a silent majority of farmers who know the benefits provided by the CWB. They just need an effective way to express their view on this issue solely and explicitly. The question must be clear – do you support single desk selling or don’t you.”

Laurence Nicholson ***Real Voice for Choice*** co-chairperson from Alberta was more forceful in adding his experience. “This issue is not about dual marketing, it’s about ideological manipulation on the part of the federal government. It is very presumptuous to appoint a biased implementation task force before producers provide their opinion.”

“Our group will be working diligently to persuade the Prime Minister and Parliamentarians to respect not only the law but also the intent and spirit of the CWB Act that was created and endorsed by the Parliament of Canada”, cited Saskatchewan ***Real Voice for Choice*** spokesman Earl Mickelson, Hagen, Sask.

This newly formed group of producers, ***Real Voice for Choice***, has independently assembled with the mandate to ensure a farmer plebiscite with a clear and objective question on any change to the mandate of the CWB. The group will fight for ensuring empowerment for producers, helping producers compete globally with the single desk authority of the CWB while fostering their entrepreneurial spirit. ***Real Voice for Choice*** is independent and is not affiliated with any other farm organization or group. ***Real Voice for Choice*** is primarily funded by producers for producers.

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