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WBGA COMMENDS AGRICULTURE MINISTERS IN SUPPORT OF MARKETING FREEDOM

July 8, 2011 - Airdrie, AB: “The Western Barley Growers Association (WBGA) strongly supports the Agriculture Ministers from Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia in their committed support of the Government of Canada's plan to give producers marketing freedom for wheat, durum and barley.” says Brian Otto, president of the WBGA. “In light of the campaign by the Manitoba provincial government to oppose these changes it is gratifying to see the western provinces, representing the largest production in the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) designated area, backing an open market to allow farmers the freedom to sell their own grain.”

“It is time for the CWB board of directors to show leadership and work to develop a business plan to market grain under an open and commercial market structure next year” continues Otto.

“The CWB conducting a survey of producers at this time, when Agriculture Minister Ritz says the results will be irrelevant, is purely a waste of producers’ money” states Tom Hewson, WBGA Saskatchewan vice president.

WBGA thanks Minister Ritz and the Agriculture Ministers from Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia for their commitment to an open, competitive and commercial market structure.

Western Barley Growers Association is a strong voice for a vibrant, market responsive barley industry in western Canada.

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