



## WESTERN BARLEY GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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### **Western Barley Growers Association (WBGA) hope to see progressive movement in allowing marketing choice for all Canadian producers**

**July 26, 2006 – Saskatoon Saskatchewan:** “The Western Barley Growers Association (WBGA) are pleased to be a part of the Agriculture and Agri-Food roundtable discussions supporting the federal government’s view on offering choice marketing alternatives for western Canadian producers” states Jeff Nielsen, President of the WBGA and Olds, Alberta area farmer who is in Saskatoon for this meeting. “I look forward to these meetings and working to see a very strong and organized progressive movement in allowing choice to all Canadian producers” continues Nielsen.

Also representing the WBGA is Rick Strankman, Director as well as a producer from Altario, Alberta. Strankman remarks, “As one of the thirteen farmers who were jailed for selling our own grains I see this as a very positive movement by our government and this shows the high level of commitment the government has for market choice.”

“The WBGA along with numerous other grain and oil seed organizations will be presenting papers on the Canadian Wheat Board’s (CWB) transition into choice marketing including the CWB as one of the marketing opportunities” concludes Nielsen.

The WBGA roundtable discussion paper will be posted on [www.wbga.org](http://www.wbga.org) following Thursday’s meeting.

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