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### **ACS calls for applications for CARDS funding**

Saskatoon (December 18, 2008) – The Agriculture Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (ACS) is accepting funding applications for agriculture and agri-food projects under the Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development in Saskatchewan (CARDS) Program, which is funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. **The deadline for applications is Monday, February 2, 2009.**

This residual funding is available due to under-spending in current projects. **There is approximately \$102,000 available.** Applications will be adjudicated by the ACS Board of Directors at their April 20, 2009 meeting. The project completion deadline is March 31, 2011.

“CARDS funding has provided opportunities to advance agriculture in Saskatchewan, assisting the sector’s competitiveness and entrepreneurial drive,” said Laurie Dmytryshyn, ACS Executive Director. “CARDS funding has also helped organizations leverage other sources of funding, providing new opportunities and knowledge that has had a positive impact on producers, processors and consumers.”

CARDS has provided over \$20 million to over 900 projects in Saskatchewan since its inception in 1995, leveraging total funding of over \$46 million. Applications will be accepted under five program areas, including Industry and Rural Resource Development, Business Development Activities, Capital Equipment Purchases, Value-Added Development and Environmental Stewardship.

In addition to CARDS, funding is also available through ACAAFS, which is also funded through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. ACAAFS, the successor to CARDS, is designed to position Canada's agriculture and agri-food sector at the leading edge to capture new opportunities.

More information is available on the CARDS Web site at: [www.agcouncil.ca/cards](http://www.agcouncil.ca/cards) or by calling the ACS office at (306) 975-6847 or toll-free at 1-800-641-8256.

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