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ACS to administer Levy Central program

Saskatoon (February 2, 2010) – The Agriculture Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (ACS) will be assuming operation of levy collection services for eight Saskatchewan and Manitoba commodity organizations through the Levy Central program. Levy Central was previously administered by the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission (SCDC).

ACS took over Levy Central on February 1, 2010. A levy is collected on each of eight crops, paying for research, market development and education activities through the commodity organizations. The eight commodity organizations that collect levies through Levy Central include:

- Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission
- Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission
- Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission
- Canaryseed Development Commission of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission
- Manitoba Oat Growers Association
- Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission
- Winter Cereals Manitoba Inc.

“ACS is pleased to take over Levy Central and we believe this new arrangement will have significant benefits for all organizations involved,” said ACS Executive Director Laurie Dmytryshyn. “We are seeking new program delivery opportunities within the agriculture and agri-food sector and Levy Central fits well with our existing programs. We will work closely with all the organizations involved to ensure a smooth transition and build upon the excellent foundation the SCDC has created.”

ACS welcomes the following Levy Central staff – Christine Colborne, Nicole Yip and Koren Hebig. ACS has established a new Levy Central Advisory Group, made up of members from the eight commodity organizations and two directors from the ACS Board.

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