



CAAP Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program

Over \$4 million committed to Saskatchewan CAAP projects in 2009-2010

Saskatoon (May 3, 2010) – Saskatchewan's agriculture and agri-food sector benefitted from a commitment of \$4,053,217 by the Government of Canada funded Canadian Agricultural Adaptation Program (CAAP).

The Agriculture Council of Saskatchewan (ACS) Inc., which delivers CAAP in Saskatchewan on behalf of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), committed funding to 27 projects in the first year of the CAAP program, which ended on March 31, 2010. CAAP is a five-year (2009-2014), \$163 million national program aimed at helping the sector adapt and remain competitive. CAAP provides an industry-led innovative and cooperative approach to funding projects at the national, multi-regional and regional levels.

"Saskatchewan's producers and processors will benefit from the projects funded under CAAP," said Valerie Pearson, Chair of the ACS Board of Directors. "These projects will have far-reaching, long-term impacts that will innovate and advance the sector. Thanks to the support of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the hard work of the ACS Board of Directors, the CAAP Advisory Group and the staff of ACS, CAAP, in its first year, has helped the agricultural industry flourish."

The funding committed to projects in the past year includes three Collective Outcome projects. Collective Outcome projects are multi-regional projects funded by two or more industry councils working in partnership to maximize the benefits to the sector beyond the project's province or territory.

"The Government of Canada is committed to working with the agricultural industry to help our producers remain competitive," said Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz. "This program encourages partnerships across the value chain to develop and use innovative solutions and explore new market opportunities that help increase farmers' profitability."

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