

Spring Wheat and Barley in Manitoba Moving to Single Check-Off Deductions

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Carman, MB – July 5, 2017 - The Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Association (MWBGA) is pleased to announce the transition to single check-off deductions for spring wheat and barley, a move that will improve efficiency and effectiveness at no extra cost to farmers.

August 1, 2017, there will no longer be two levies applied to both spring wheat and barley grown in Manitoba. The MWBGA deduction will be \$1.00 per tonne for spring wheat, and \$1.06 per tonne for barley.

“The amendment will allow MWBGA to continue providing leadership for continuity of funding to wheat and barley variety development, as well as tackle other important research and market development related questions,” said Fred Greig, Chair of the MWBGA. “The MWBGA will also continue working with its fellow wheat and barley commissions in setting funding commitments with former WCD recipients Western Grains Research Foundation (WGRF), the Canadian International Grains Institute (Cigi) and Canadian Malting Barley Technical Centre (CMBTC).”

The designation amendments were submitted to the province after membership approved a resolution at the 2016 Annual General Meeting to authorize the Board of Directors to proceed with the regulatory changes that would be required to complete the transition of the funding obligations currently undertaken by the Western Canadian Deduction (WCD) to the responsibility of the MWBGA. The WCD on spring wheat and barley is ending July 31, 2017.

Winter Cereals Manitoba, Inc., the spring and barley commissions in Alberta and the barley, spring wheat and winter wheat commissions in Saskatchewan have also received regulatory amendments to move to single check-offs administered by their respective commissions.

About Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Association:

The Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Association (MWBGA) represents approximately 7,450 spring wheat farmers and 1,050 barley farmers in Manitoba. The MWBGA uses check-off dollars to grow the potential of wheat and barley as profitable and sustainable crop choices for Manitoba through investments in research and market development. For more information visit www.mbwheatandbarley.ca.

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