

MWBGA urges farmers to deliver what they declare, help keep Canada’s markets open

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Carman, MB – July 18, 2017 - The Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Association (MWBGA) would like to remind farmers to properly declare the commodity they are delivering in order to protect Canada’s domestic and export markets. Farmers are encouraged to refer to the [Keep it Clean](#) online resources and Cereal Canada’s [Keep It Clean Cereals Campaign](#).

“We are raising awareness of these resources as the harvest season approaches to ensure individual producers are safeguarded, and that the wheat and barley grown in Manitoba will meet all end-user requirements, domestically and internationally,” says Fred Greig, MWBGA chair.

In Cereal Canada’s *Keep It Clean Cereals Campaign*, glyphosate is listed as a “Special Consideration.” If applying glyphosate at the pre-harvest timing, farmers are reminded to strictly follow label instructions that were developed through Canada’s science-based regulatory process. Applying earlier than label recommendations, or too close to harvest, can impact pesticide residue levels, crop yield or crop quality. Farmers should also contact malt barley buyers prior to application to confirm acceptance. Additional information is available here: [Keeping Markets Open – Fall Application of Glyphosate](#).

“We also encourage farmers to talk with their grain buyers to know the requirements for market acceptance and to obtain details for the “Declaration of Eligibility for Delivery” form,” says Robert Misko, MWBGA vice-chair.

New for the 2017/18 crop year, the [Declaration of Eligibility for Delivery](#) form will ask farmers to declare if deliveries of wheat, durum, barley (as well as flax) made by themselves or on their behalf have not been treated pre-harvest with any product containing saflufenacil, including the product known as “Heat LQ.” The application of saflufenacil is registered for use in Canada by Health Canada’s Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) as per its label, including the pre-harvest timing at the recommended rate and crop staging. However, maximum residue limits (MRLs) have not been established in certain export markets for wheat, durum wheat, barley and flax.

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 mbwheatandbarley.ca.

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