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### News Release

#### WBGA CONGRATULATES CONSERVATIVES ON MAJORITY GOVERNMENT

**Airdrie, AB. – May 4, 2011:** The Western Barley Growers Association (WBGA) would like to congratulate Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Conservatives on achieving a majority government. The WBGA looks forward to working with this government to bring positive change to strengthen the agriculture sector in Western Canada.

Four years ago barley producers clearly indicated in a producer plebiscite they wanted change in the barley marketing structure in western Canada. That sentiment continues to grow with producers as barley returns decline and marketing flexibility is restricted by the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) monopoly.

The WBGA is fully supportive of introducing legislation that would allow farmers to opt out of marketing their barley through the CWB if that is best for their farming operation. The WBGA calls on the government to introduce the legislation and work closely with industry and the CWB to ensure the successful implementation of choice in barley marketing for western Canadian farmers. Creating the legal framework that provides choice to barley producers is an important step in improving marketing responsiveness and efficiency to barley producers in western Canada.

Western Barley Growers Association is a strong voice for a vibrant, market responsive barley industry in western Canada.

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