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**WBGA SUPPORTS MOVE TO ENSURE TRUE PRAIRIE PRODUCERS' RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR
CWB DIRECTOR**

May 28, 2008 – Airdrie, AB: Western Barley Growers Association (WBGA) members fully support the measures to have actual producers vote for CWB directors. Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board introduced Bill C-57 to amend the definition of a producer who can vote in CWB director elections. Basis of this Bill is the requirement of producers to have, in the previous two years prior to a CWB director election, produced 120 tonnes of either wheat or barley or a combination of the two.

“By defining and specifying who a wheat or barley producer truly is by setting a tonnage requirement will ensure those who are elected to the board of directors of the CWB are honestly elected by producers” says Jeff Nielsen, President, WBGA. “It gives those who actually produce the grains, make the day to day operational decisions, and manage today’s wheat and barley farms the democratic right to choose who will be their CWB director”.

These proposed amendments come out of the previous Liberal Government’s committee struck by then Minister Andy Mitchell to review and recommend changes to the CWB election process. These recommendations included a tonnage requirement to ensure true producer participation in CWB director elections. This review committee on CWB election reforms heard from a broad spectrum of producer groups including the CWB, and its conclusions on election reforms were accepted by all. WBGA asks for quick passage of Bill C-57 prior to this fall’s CWB director elections.

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