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News Release

CALL BY CWB FOR PLEBISCITE AN UNNECESSARY USE AND WASTE OF PRODUCERS' MONEY

Airdrie, AB – June 28, 2011: "The Western Barley Growers Association (WBGA) does not agree with the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) decision to hold a plebiscite on the monopoly control of the single desk", says president, Brian Otto. The WBGA has tried to work collaboratively with the CWB to make sure their voter's list consists of people actually involved in farming. The CWB has resisted any move to bring legitimacy to this list. "As a candidate in last falls CWB director elections, I found in my own producer phone calls people who were no longer farming or producers who were deceased", says Otto. "These names were on the CWB voters list. The voters list is flawed and the results of this plebiscite are questionable at best. This is an unnecessary use and waste of producers' money", continued Otto.

Minister Ritz has indicated the monopoly of the CWB will be removed August 1 of 2012. It is time for the CWB board of directors to show leadership and work to develop a business plan to sell grain in an open and commercial market place next year.

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

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