



## **WESTERN BARLEY GROWERS ASSOCIATION**

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#### **WESTERN BARLEY GROWERS ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS CHANGES TO THE WHEAT AND BARLEY GRAIN ADVANCE PROGRAM**

**AIRDRIE, AB – September 30, 2011:** The federal government’s decision to transfer the administration of the grain advance program for wheat and barley to the Canadian Canola Growers Association (CCGA) is strongly supported by the Western Barley Growers Association (WBGA). “The CCGA has been administering the advance program for agriculture commodities outside the single desk control of the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB), so they are well positioned to administer the advance program for wheat and barley,” says President, Brian Otto.

“Removing the responsibility of administering the grain advance from CWB will enable them to concentrate on developing a business plan to operate in an open market next August”, comments Otto. WBGA encourages the CWB board of directors to work with their staff to develop this business plan. Producers expect this from their elected directors.

This is a positive move by the Government and will help the smooth transition to an open, commercial and competitive market environment. It is key to helping producers address cash flow requirements for their farm businesses.

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

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