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WBGA COMMENDS SASKATCHEWAN PREMIER BRAD WALL AND AGRICULTURE MINISTER HON. BOB BJORNERUD FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH MARKETING CHOICE

November 22, 2007 ~ Airdrie, AB: Since winning decisively the Saskatchewan election on November 7, 2007 Premier Wall has stated that his province is now moving forward and pushing for choice marketing in wheat and barley.

"This is tremendous news for both wheat and barley growers" says Tom Hewson, Vice President of the Western Barley Growers Association (WBGA) and Langbank area farmer. "Along with the province of Alberta, close to 85% of barley is grown in these two provinces. The growth potential once barley is removed from the monopoly will benefit both provinces greatly".

Saskatchewan Vice President of the WBGA, Art Walde, producer in the Kindersley area agrees. "The appointment of Bob Bjornerud as Agriculture Minister and Minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance shows the drive to ensure a strong future for our producers".

WBGA and its members encourage Premier Wall and Minister Bjornerud to contact Prime Minister Harper and Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and the Canadian Wheat, giving them support for their continued pledge for marketing choice.

WBGA along with all its members in Saskatchewan once again wish to congratulate Premier Wall and Honourable Bob Bjornerud. "We look forward to meeting and working with Minister Bjornerud on the implementation of marketing choice" concludes Hewson.

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