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### **Western Barley Growers Association welcomes announcement of Canadian Wheat Board transition task force**

**September 20, 2006 – Airdrie, AB:** "This task force will set the stage for how a new Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) will work for producers in a "choice" environment" states Jeff Nielsen. "Its term of reference clearly outlines the end result will allow producers to sell their wheat and barley to whom they deem best, this includes the CWB in its new format"

Members of this task force will have four weeks to develop their report. Although it is initial transition work being developed, it will lead to full implementation of "choice" marketing. At the July 27 roundtable meeting in Saskatoon, it was decided the time line to implement full market "choice" is August 1, 2007 - the start of the new crop year.

"WBGA will support this task force in any way it can" comments Nielsen. "It is important that the CWB participate in the transition task force. On behalf of the WBGA, I recommend CWB chairman Ken Ritter or CWB Director Dwayne Anderson commit to this task force panel" continues Nielsen. The CWB needs to be a participant, and any delaying of this will only hurt western Canadian grain farmers, adding more uncertainty to many producers' future.

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