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Grain Growers welcome benefits of TPP deal

Ottawa, October 5, 2015 – Grain Growers of Canada is pleased that negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) have been successfully concluded.

“We are excited that the Trans-Pacific Partnership has been completed,” said Gary Stanford, President of Grain Growers of Canada. “This agreement promises to provide substantial gains for Canada’s grain sector and the agricultural industry as a whole.”

The TPP will offer a variety of new trade opportunities for Canada’s agricultural sector, while keeping us on a level playing field with our competitors.

Canada’s agriculture and agri-food sector is among the most trade-dependent in the world. TPP members constitute a bloc representing over 40 per cent of the global economy, and includes some of the largest and highest-value importers of grain, oilseed, and pulse products, such as Japan, the United States, and Mexico. It also includes emerging markets, like Vietnam, Singapore, and Malaysia, with growing economies and middle-class consumers demanding the kind of high-quality that Canada’s farmers can deliver.

“Standing on the sidelines was not an option, and in fact would have placed our existing exports at risk. Canadian grain, oilseed, and pulse producers would have been at a significant disadvantage if our competitors reaped the benefits of preferential market access and we were left behind,” concluded Stanford.

Grain Growers would like to extend its congratulations to Ministers Ed Fast (International Trade) and Gerry Ritz (Agriculture and Agri-Food), along with Kirsten Hillman (Chief Negotiator) and all those involved in the negotiations.

The Grain Growers of Canada provides a strong national voice for over 50,000 active and successful grain, oilseed and pulse producers through its 14 provincial and regional grower groups from across Canada. Our mission and mandate is to pursue a policy environment that maximizes global competitiveness and to influence federal policy on behalf of independent Canadian grain farmers and their associations.

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