

“Chairman’s Report”



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Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission (SWCDC)

- A quick review!
- An official government commission enacted under the Saskatchewan Agri-Food Act.
- Operates under the Winter Cereals Development Plan Regulations
- Established August 16, 2006



SWCDC

- SWCDC Governance
 - Five member producer elected board.
 - Directors at large – no geographic areas
 - Elected for a 2 year term
 - Any producer who has paid levy to the SWCDC and not requested a refund within last 2 crop years may stand for election



SWCDC

- The Agri Food Act and Winter Cereals Plan Regulations give the SWCDC the power to collect \$0.50 per tonne on all winter cereals (winter wheat, fall rye and winter triticale) sold through commercial channels in Saskatchewan.
- The only exemption is product sold as seed.



SWCDC

- All buyers of the 3 regulated commodities are required by law to deduct the levy at time of first purchase and remit to the SWCDC.
- Producers may not exempt themselves.
- Producers may request a full or partial refund which is paid twice a year.



SWCDC

- Membership
- As of December 31, 2008
- Just under 4,000 members
- All members receive regular information updates through the Winter Cereals Grower which is a joint publication of the SWCDC, Winter Cereals Canada and Winter Cereals Manitoba



SWCDC

- Levy is collected and recorded by the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission who operate a special service called “Levy Central” for many Saskatchewan Commissions and Manitoba Representative bodies.
- The levy is collected monthly and the SWCDC invests all funds not required for day to day operation and funding commitments in secure deposits in either RBC or ING .



WORKING TOGETHER

- SWCDC, WCC and WCMI work together to minimize administrative overlap.
- SWCDC, WCC and WCMI hold joint meetings and teleconferences several times a year to discuss issues, funding opportunities and future directions.
- Providing a unified voice in meetings with various agencies.
- We are now beginning to work closely with the Alberta Winter Wheat Producers Association to further unite producers of winter cereal crops



THE FUTURE

- The production of winter wheat, fall rye and winter triticale has a bright future in western Canada.
- Working together we can encourage and financially support the development of new varieties and agronomic practices.



Working for the future

- In 2008 we entered our first research project with Dr. Brian Beres of AAFC.
- A minimum 3 year commitment to study different fertilizer technologies.
- Saskatchewan work conducted at Canora, Saskatchewan.
- In 2009 we will be investigating funding of new projects in breeding and agronomy.



Working for the future

- Currently SCDC is working toward the establishment of new varietal testing facilities for early selection of breeders varieties.
- Facility would be used by breeders from all provinces to screen potential crosses for suitability to Saskatchewan growing conditions.



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Thank You

