



The Honourable Minister David Marit  
Ministry of Agriculture  
2405 Legislative Drive, Regina, SK

September 27, 2021

**Re: Supporting Saskatchewan farmers at a very challenging time**

Dear Minister Marit,

On behalf of the board of directors of our respective commissions, we are writing to ask you to commit to continued, enhanced and public support for Saskatchewan farmers during this very challenging year. This relates to two specific issues.

**We recently joined together to request that the members of the Western Grain Elevator Association (WGEA) remove administrative fees on contract buy-outs for 2021, due to severe challenges our farmers are facing this year.** We recognize that policy or legislative action is difficult on this particular issue; however, we ask that the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture publicly join in this request to amplify the message to concerned parties.

**Our groups continue to advocate for export sales reporting. This is a key issue for Saskatchewan farmers who passed resolutions at five separate producer commission AGMs in support of more transparency.** Farmers need timely marketing information now more than ever, given all the uncontrollable events affecting grain markets. Producers, who carry the risk, are severely impacted by this lack of transparency. We again request the Ministry's public support in this matter as we continue to advocate for producers.

We thank you for your partnership with our industry to date and hope to work with you proactively on these timely issues, to further showcase your strong support for Saskatchewan's most valuable resource, our farming community.

Best regards,



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President, APAS



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Chair, SaskBarley



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