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### **WRAP encouraged that prairie grain research will continue uninterrupted**

**Sherwood Park (May 30, 2012)** – Wild Rose Agricultural Producers (WRAP) supports the federal government’s commitment to ensuring that funding for prairie grain research and market development can continue after August 1, 2012.

“Taking the interim step of having the Alberta Barley Commission administer the wheat and barley check-off alleviates the immediate concern about disrupting the flow of producer check-off dollars to the Western Grains Research Foundation, the Canadian International Grains Institute, and the Canadian Malting Barley Technical Centre when the *Marketing Freedom for Grain Farmers Act* goes into effect,” said WRAP President Lynn Jacobson.

“Research in wheat and barley moves so quickly that even a temporary lapse in funding would have had a significant impact on the work being done to keep Canadian grains competitive in the world market,” he said.

Jacobson noted that producers across the prairies recognize the value of grain research and market development and can’t afford to be facing similar uncertainty about funding for these activities five years from now.

He continued, “This has bought us some time, but a long-term funding model is crucial. We are looking forward to working with other industry stakeholders to develop a permanent solution.”

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