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WRAP welcomes AgriRecovery relief for farmers

Sherwood Park, Alberta (August 5, 2011) – Wild Rose Agricultural Producers (WRAP) welcomed the joint federal-provincial announcement that farmers inundated by excessive moisture in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba this year will be able to seek relief through the AgriRecovery program.

The approximately \$448 million in AgriRecovery funding that has been allocated by federal and provincial governments will provide support of \$30 per eligible acre for crop land that could not be seeded as of June 20, 2011, and crop land that was seeded but then flooded out on or before July 31, 2011.

Livestock producers who have incurred additional costs as a result of excess moisture, such as renting pasture or transporting feed or livestock, are also included in the AgriRecovery initiative.

“It’s been a brutal year weather-wise for producers in our province. From snow in June, to hail the size of golf balls, to flooding – the predominant theme has been too much moisture in every possible form”, said Humphrey Banack, WRAP President. “We thank both the Province of Alberta and the federal government for the support they are showing our producers during these challenging times.”

“We are proud to be suppliers of food worldwide”, continued Banack, “and hope that AgriRecovery funds can start flowing to producers quickly so we can get our operations ready for next year and keep the value chain intact.”

About WRAP:

Wild Rose Agricultural Producers is Alberta's largest producer funded general farm organization. Whenever decisions are being made that affect the province's agricultural industry, we're there, providing an effective voice for Alberta's farmers.

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