

July 12, 2018

The Honourable Ralph Eichler
Minister of Agriculture
Manitoba Agriculture

Transmitted via email

Re: MCGA Supports Continued National Business Risk Management Review

Dear Minister Eichler:

On behalf of the more than 8,500 canola growers in Manitoba, The Manitoba Canola Growers Association (MCGA) seeks your support to encourage the Federal Provincial Territorial (FPT) Agriculture Ministers to extend the Business Risk Management (BRM) review process without delay.

The External Advisory Panel (EAP), established to advise on the BRM review, will be submitting recommendations to the FPT Ministers this July in Vancouver. This review, initiated in summer of 2017, is in response to concerns that BRM programming did not meet farmer's needs. The review is not complete, and more work needs to be done to achieve a complete picture of gaps in the BRM suite and identify solutions.

MCGA encourages the FPT Ministers to support the EAP in continuing its work, in close partnership with farmer representatives, to look at both short-term programming innovations along with longer-term transformation options. Canadian farmers need a comprehensive and effective suite of BRM programs that they can use to effectively manage risk.

Thank you for supporting ongoing work in this critical process for Manitoba's canola growers, and all Canadian farmers.

Sincerely,



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