

# Grains, Oilseeds & Pulses

***The Committee met on March 26th, 2009.***

***Contingency Fund, CWB.*** Representatives from the Canadian Wheat Board attended the meeting and presented on the financial highlights for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 (July 31) years. The committee also had the opportunity to discuss Bill C-13, changes to the Canada Grain Act specifically the impact of the loss of inward inspection and weighing.

***Bill C-13 - Canada Grain Act.*** The bill was introduced in February and received first reading. Last week there was a hoist motion in the House of Commons which, if passed, would stall the bill for this session. The committee took an opportunity to review the potential changes as outlined by the bill. The following points, other than bonding, were made by the members:

- In the mandate the interests of producers cannot be watered down in an effort to include industry. We want to remain as a quality supplier of grains on the international level.
- If inward inspection is not done by CGC it has to be done by company accredited by CGC and audited by CGC. It cannot be eliminated but can be optional.

***Security Mechanism.*** An update on the work of the steering committee was given and the options that they are looking at. KAP has been working with numerous other groups and initiated a study with funding from the PSRMP program. We have engaged Scott Wolfe Management to carry out the work. The draft final report was available to the steering committee last week and the final meeting was held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. It appears that the mandatory programs are working better for producers. Following the report finalization, the groups on the steering committee will take the findings back to their members to see if consensus can be reached. It is expected that the report will be public within the next two weeks.

***Grains Innovation Roundtable.*** This has been set up by the Canada Grains Council to look at the roadblocks to innovation and research in Canada. It deals with primary and further processing and five working groups will be looking at issues that have been identified as roadblocks. The first meeting was in February and it is hoped that the report will be ready by June 2010. Don Dewar has been asked to serve on the research committee representing WGRF.

***Resolutions for GC.*** Resolutions were carried that dealt with inward inspection and weighing and cash advances.

***Mandate for 2009.*** The committee reviewed the 2008 mandate and updated it for 2009.

***Committee Members.*** Rob Brunel (Chair), Rob Pettinger, David Rourke, Sean Gryba, Glenn Young, Theresa Bergsma, Eric McLean, David Krahn, Chris Sumner, Nathan Friesen, Don Dewar, Owen McAuley, Geoff Young, Larry Bohdanovich, Chuck Fossay, Don Bromley, Steve Siemens, Bev Stober. Staff Resource: Yvonne Rideout