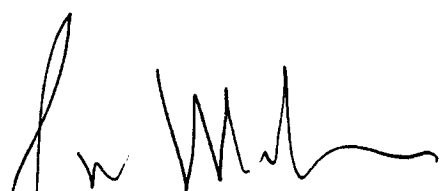



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Dear Messrs. Arason and de Kemp:

Thank you for your letter of May 24, 2007, regarding the concerns of the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) and malting barley buyers about the commercial contract liabilities of the Board for delivery of malting barley.

I was happy to note that the CWB and its malting barley customers have been meeting to discuss ways to ensure that the CWB can deliver on the commercial contracts it has signed. This is an important objective, both because the malting industry needs inputs to successfully operate its business, and because the CWB needs to safeguard its reputation as a reliable business partner.

As your letter makes clear, the issues are slightly different with respect to deliveries against 2006/07 selection contracts, and the risk that farmers may not find it attractive to commit their barley to the 2007/08 malting barley pool.

With respect to existing contracts, I was heartened to note the comments of Ms. Deanna Allen, the CWB Vice-President of Public Affairs and Farmer Relations, in the May 24 *Western Producer*, that farmers are, in fact, delivering to the 2006/07 pool in accordance with their existing contracts. I certainly believe that farmers need to think carefully about their long-term interests in value-chain relationships before choosing to exercise any rights they may have to buy their way out of a delivery obligation. In conversations with some members of the Board and malting companies, I had heard that deliveries against 2006/07 selection contracts had slowed down considerably. Ms. Allen's comments are, therefore, reassuring.

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With respect to the 2007/08 crop, the fundamental issue is that the CWB undertook to sell malting barley to customers at fixed prices many months ago. The market has subsequently moved higher, such that the prices to which the CWB agreed in establishing these contracts would not be sufficiently high to attract farmers to willingly deliver barley today for the CWB to meet its commitments. This situation may change as the market continues to evolve in light of crop conditions in Canada and elsewhere, and other factors, but there is the chance that the CWB may need to offer farmers higher prices than those at which it has agreed to sell barley to the malting companies.


In your letter, you propose what appears to be a viable commercial resolution to this problem. As you suggest, the CWB could meet its obligations by tendering to grain companies to supply the malting barley it needs to meet the commercial commitments it has made. It could also offer cash premiums to farmers to encourage delivery. This appears to offer the possibility for the CWB to obtain the needed supplies, while farmers would be able to benefit from market prices for their malting barley.

You also suggest that the Government should undertake to indemnify the CWB for the difference between the prices of barley purchased in this way and the selling prices to which the CWB has previously committed. As noted above, the extent of any such price differences is unknown at this time, but it may be reducible through the kind of cooperation between the CWB, maltsters and their brewing customers that appears to be beginning with the drafting of your joint letter.

Industry analysis of actual market developments, actions taken to deal with the commercial contract obligations of market participants, and assessment of any actual losses attributable to the policy change could only be considered after the fact.

I encourage you to continue discussions among the parties to these contracts as to how you can most effectively handle the evolving market situation in such a way that the CWB can deliver on the commercial obligations it has undertaken.

Sincerely,



Chuck Strahl