

# Make Yourself Heard

## Cast your vote on the future of the Canadian Wheat Board

If you're a Manitoba producer who has grown wheat or barley in the last two years, the Manitoba government invites you to participate in a vote being held regarding the continuation of single-desk selling through the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB).

The purpose of this vote is to assist Manitoba's wheat and barley producers in sending a clear message about their marketing preferences.

### Voter Eligibility:

All producers with a direct economic stake in the Canadian Wheat Board are eligible to cast one vote including:

1. producers who grew wheat or barley in 2005 or 2006
2. landlords entitled to a share of a wheat or barley crop grown in 2005 or 2006

Only residents of Manitoba are eligible to vote. Depending your farm's legal structure, there may be more than one eligible voter per farm. However, individuals can only cast one ballot:

TYPE OF FARMING ENTERPRISE	ELIGIBLE VOTER
Sole Proprietorship	Owner
Partnership	Each Legal Partner
Corporations	Each Legal Shareholder

If you are named in a production insurance contract for a farming enterprise that grew wheat and/or barley in either 2005 or 2006, you are on the voters list and will automatically receive a ballot in the mail.

**If you meet this eligibility criteria, but you are not named in a production insurance contract you must fill out a declaration NO LATER than December 18, 2006 to receive a ballot.**

Producers who must complete a declaration to get placed on the voters list include:

1. producers not in production insurance
2. legal shareholders or partners in farming enterprises who do not have their names on a production insurance contract

Declaration forms can be downloaded from the Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI) website at [www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture](http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture); can be picked at any MAFRI GO Centre or GO Office.

The declaration must be signed in front of a Commissioner for Oaths or a Notary Public. All MAFRI GO Centres and GO Offices will provide a Commissioner for Oaths, free of charge, for these declarations.

**Ballots will be mailed out to all eligible voters in early December.**

Please direct any inquiries to your local MAFRI GO Office or GO Centre, or visit [www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture](http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture). If you want to confirm you are named on your production insurance contract, please contact your local Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation office.

