

Operating Successfully in a New Grain Marketing Environment: Issues Facing Farmers, Agribusiness and Government

The Federal Government has introduced Bill C-18 to end the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) single desk effective August 1, 2012. The implications of this change for the grain marketing handling and transportation system are widespread if this legislation passes. Business arrangements and policies will need to be modified to accommodate the changes, to mitigate potential adverse impacts and to take advantage of opportunities created by the change. The purpose of this conference is to lay out key issues that farmers, agribusiness firms and government will face in the grain marketing, handling and transportation system that will emerge after the passage of Bill C-18. With the changes that are underway in the grain industry, the status quo will not be viable. This conference will examine the areas most likely to see change and provide specific suggestions on how participants in the grain system can respond and adapt.

Speakers Include:

- **Colin Carter**, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California (Davis)
- **Murray Fulton**, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan
- **Richard Gray**, Department of Bioresource Policy, Business and Economics, University of Saskatchewan
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Registration:

Registration will be accepted online only and must be received by **Tuesday, December 6, 2011**. Visit the conference website at www.kis.usask.ca/GrainConference.html for more information including agenda, fees and payment options.

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