



Canadian Grain  
Commission

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# Canadian Grain Commission: Evolving with a changing grain industry

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# Topics

- **About the Canadian Grain Commission**
- **Canada's grain grading system**
- **Canada's seed variety registration system**
- **Variety eligibility and grain deliveries**
- **Bill C-18 and the Canadian Grain Commission**



# About the Canadian Grain Commission

- **Federal government agency**
- **Report to Parliament**
  - Through Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- **Operate under *Canada Grain Act***
- **Regulate 21 grains**
- **Certify the quality, safety and weight of grain**



# Mandate

**Guided by the Canada Grain Act, and in the interest of grain producers, the Canadian Grain Commission works to establish and maintain standards of quality for Canadian grain, regulate grain handling in Canada, and to ensure that grain is a dependable commodity for domestic and export markets.**



# Canada's grain grading system

- **Canada's system is unique**
- **Responds to challenges of our industry**
- **Transactions**
  - Based in grain grading system
  - Also can be based on specifications set by customer

# Canada's grain grading system

- **Shipping options**
  - Bulk handling
  - Identity preserved
- **Varieties**
  - Can grow any variety
  - Only eligible varieties can be delivered into wheat classes
  - Unregistered eligible for feed class



# Canada's grain grading system

- **Grades describe quality**
- **Grades show how grain meets needs**
- **Graded according to grades and standards**
- **Official Grain Grading Guide**



# Canada's grain grading system

- **Inspectors grade visually**
- **Based on end-use quality**
- **Supported by scientific research**
- **Regularly reviewed**
  - Western and Eastern Standards Committees
  - Members represent industry
- **Built on consensus**





# Canada's variety registration system

- **Complex process**
  - Breeders
  - CFIA
  - CGC
  - Industry representatives
- **Registered varieties**
  - Disease-resistant
  - Agronomic benefits
  - End-use quality requirements



# Canada's variety registration system

- **Canadian Grain Commission**
  - Evaluates end-use quality of varieties
- **Researchers**
  - Conduct end-use quality research
  - How physical and chemical properties affect end-use value
  - Study ways to evaluate grain quality



# Variety eligibility

- Under *Canada Grain Act*
- CGC designates class of grain for which new varieties are eligible
- We maintain variety designation lists
  - Wheat
  - Barley
  - Flaxseed

# Declaration of Eligibility for the Class form

- Legal document
- Upholds quality
- Producer completes for each delivery point once a year
- Verbally declares for each delivery
- Confirms varieties in delivery eligible for specific class
- Producer also verbally declares
- Non-declared or ineligible
  - CW Feed
  - 5 CWAD

DELIVERY of WHEAT  
to [insert name of grain handling company]  
(the "Grain Handling Company")  
for the CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CLASS

IN ACCORDANCE with the provisions contained in the Canadian Wheat Board Act, Canada Grain Act and Seeds Act, and the Regulations and Orders made pursuant thereto;

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name)  
of \_\_\_\_\_ (print address)  
in the Province of \_\_\_\_\_.

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

- 1 I am the producer and have entered into a delivery contract with the Canadian Wheat Board under Canadian Wheat Board Producer ID # \_\_\_\_\_, to deliver wheat (hereinafter, the "Producer").
- 2 Any and all deliveries of wheat made by or on behalf of the Producer to the Grain Handling Company are eligible varieties for delivery for the class of wheat for which payment is being requested in accordance with the Canadian Wheat Board Act, Canada Grain Act, Seeds Act, and all Regulations and Orders made pursuant to those Acts, (collectively, the "Acts").
- 3 If an ineligible variety of wheat is delivered by or on behalf of the Producer to the Grain Handling Company and it is represented to be eligible for the class of wheat for which payment is being requested in accordance with the Acts, I acknowledge and agree that the Grain Handling Company and/or the Canadian Wheat Board may consider the representation I made in paragraph 1 and 2 above, to have been made fraudulently and/or negligently. I acknowledge the Producer will be held accountable in accordance with authority granted within the Acts. I further acknowledge and agree that the Canadian Wheat Board may consider the Producer to be in default of his/her delivery contracts and, in addition to any other remedies available to it, it may cancel any contracts of the Producer. In addition, the Grain Handling Company may jointly with the Canadian Wheat Board or severally, claim against the Producer for all claims, damages, losses and costs (including legal fees) that may result.
- 4 I acknowledge and agree that the Grain Handling Company may exchange with the Canadian Grain Commission and the Canadian Wheat Board relevant materials (including producer name, address, delivery sample information, and a portion of the physical sample) relating to suspected deliveries of ineligible varieties of wheat by or on behalf of the Producer to the Grain Handling Company. I understand that this information will be used as the basis for establishing responsibility, which may result in the imposition of penalties and/or claim for damages on me, as part of evidence given in an arbitration process and/or court proceeding.
- 5 This Declaration is made and intended to apply to all deliveries of wheat made by or on behalf of the Producer to the Grain Handling Company from and including the date indicated below until the end of the current crop year, or until this Declaration is replaced or withdrawn by the Producer by written notice acknowledged by both the Canadian Wheat Board and the Grain Handling Company.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness )  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(print name) ) Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(print address) )  
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## **Bill C-18:**

# **Plans and dates for the Canadian Wheat Board**

- **October 18, 2011**
  - Government introduced Bill C-18
    - *An Act to reorganize the Canadian Wheat Board and to make consequential amendments to certain Acts*
- **August 1, 2012**
  - Date set by Minister Ritz to end CWB single-desk structure
- **Consequential amendments to *Canada Grain Act* identified**



## ***Canada Grain Act: Consequential amendments***

- **Western Standards Committee**
  - CWB still eligible for representation
- **Checkoffs**
  - Voluntary deductions to fund research organizations
- **End-use certificates**
  - Provision no longer necessary



# CGC's continued role

- **CGC will continue to:**
  - Uphold Canada's grain quality assurance system
  - Carry out scientific research
  - Certify grain quality, safety and weight
  - Contribute to variety registration



# CGC's continued role

- **CGC will continue to protect producers' rights through:**
  - Allocation of producer cars
  - Financial protection
  - Subject to Inspectors Grade and Dockage
  - Grain grading standards



# CGC's continued role

- **CGC will continue to ensure:**
  - Canada's grain grading system evolves to meet the needs of Canada's grain industry
  - Canada's wheat classification system evolves to meet customer and industry needs



# **CGC's continued role**

- **CGC will continue to communicate with all stakeholders:**
  - Producers
  - Industry
  - End users



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