Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) Funding Consultation Survey

Manitoba Agriculture values input from farmers, general farm organizations, and commodity groups. The following questionnaire is intended to collect your feedback to help develop a new funding model for KAP that reduces unnecessary red tape, provides a reliable and accurate source of information on agriculture in the province, and ultimately leads to improved programs to support farmers and agricultural production in Manitoba.

Your input can help shape policies and programs to ensure farm organizations are well managed and resourced, and representative of their members.

Please provide your feedback before Thursday, March 9, 2017.

Current System

Currently, KAP is funded through membership fees collected by “designated purchasers” of grain and hogs, as well as by the Dairy Farmers of Manitoba, who withhold a portion of what they pay farmers and submit it to KAP.

1. How would you describe your experience with the current funding system for KAP overall? (Select one of the following options)
   - Negative
   - Somewhat negative
   - Neutral
   - Somewhat positive
   - Positive
   - I have not had experience with the current KAP funding system

2. In the current KAP funding system, purchasers must collect fees from farmers and remit them to KAP. If the amount collected from a farmer is more than the $200 membership fee, the excess amount is refunded. Farmers may also request and receive a refund. Check the box below that most accurately reflects your level of satisfaction with the current process for refunding of KAP fees. (Select one of the following options)
   - Very dissatisfied
   - Somewhat dissatisfied
   - Neutral
   - Somewhat satisfied
   - Very satisfied
   - I am unfamiliar with the current refund process for KAP fees
Direct Funding of KAP

In the current KAP funding system, purchasers must collect fees from farmers and remit them to KAP. Other provinces have a system in which membership fees are collected directly by the general farm organization or through a government agency. The following questions are intended to gauge your level of support for a system in which farmers pay membership fees directly to KAP.

3. Using the scale below, please indicate your level of support for the implementation of a system where Manitoba farmers pay membership fees directly to KAP. (Select one of the following options)
   - Strongly opposed
   - Somewhat opposed
   - Neutral
   - Somewhat support
   - Strongly support
   - Unsure

4. How important is it to you that KAP membership fees remain refundable? (Select one of the following options)
   - Very important
   - Somewhat important
   - Not important
   - Unsure

Farm Income Required to Register with KAP

Other provinces require that farms of a minimum size join general farm organizations. Currently in Manitoba, the KAP membership fee is $200, which correlates to an annual gross income of $27,000.

5. If a new funding system were to be implemented in which farmers paid membership fees directly to KAP, should the requirement to be a member be based on income?
   - Yes
   - No
6. If yes, what should be the minimum farm income? (Select one of the following options)
   - [ ] It should be unchanged, i.e., a gross annual income $27,000
   - [ ] A gross annual income of less than $27,000
   - [ ] A gross annual income of more than $27,000

Profile

7. Do you currently operate a farm in Manitoba?
   - [ ] Yes  [ ] No

8. If yes, please describe your operation. (Select all that apply)
   - [ ] Field crops – grains and oilseeds
   - [ ] Field crops - pulses and speciality crops
   - [ ] Vegetables fruit and non-edible horticulture
   - [ ] Dairy
   - [ ] Livestock – cattle
   - [ ] Livestock – hogs
   - [ ] Poultry and eggs
   - [ ] Other

9. If you chose “Other”, what other agricultural products do you produce?

10. What is your age?
    - [ ] Under 18 years old
    - [ ] 18-34 years old
    - [ ] 35-54 years old
    - [ ] 55-74 years old
    - [ ] 75 years or older
    - [ ] Prefer not to answer

11. Are you a member of KAP?
    - [ ] Yes  [ ] No  [ ] Unsure
Final Comments

12. Using the space provided below, please provide any additional comments, concerns or suggestions related to any of the questions and issues presented in this survey.

Thank you for your participation and time to complete this survey. Send your feedback by:

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