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## **Wheat and Barley Election Results Announced**

The Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission (SWDC) and the Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission (SBDC) have announced the results of elections to their first producer-elected boards.

Seven producers have been elected to the new Board of Directors of the SWDC and six will serve on the SBDC Board. There were 2,112 mail-in ballots cast by producers in the wheat commission election and 549 in the barley commission election.

### **Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission Board**

Rod Flaman of Edenwold, Ken Rosaasen of Saskatoon, Bill Gehl of Regina and Glenn Tait of Meota received the highest number of votes among wheat commission candidates and will serve four-year terms. The remaining three successful candidates – Dan Danielson of Saskatoon, Laura Reiter of Radisson and William Rosher of Kindersley – will serve for two years.

### **Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission Board**

Jason Skotheim of Spruce Home, Brent Johnson of Strasbourg and Allen Kuhlmann of Vanguard received the highest number of votes among barley commission candidates and will serve four-year terms. The remaining three successful candidates – Cam Goff of Hanley, Jeff Mathieson of Regina and Zenneth Faye of Foam Lake – will serve for two years.

“We are pleased to welcome the new directors who will guide us in setting a course for the new commissions and in making strategic investments in research and market development to enhance producer profitability,” says Tom Steve, SWDC and SBDC General Manager. “We would like to thank all candidates for demonstrating their interest in a prosperous future for wheat and barley.”

The directors will assume their responsibilities following the first Annual General Meetings of the SWDC and SBDC being held January 13, 2014 in Saskatoon in conjunction with CropSphere during Crop Production Week. The votes were collected and tabulated by the Returning Officer, Levy Central, Agriculture Council of Saskatchewan Inc.

The Ministry of Agriculture formally announced the establishment of the SWDC and SBDC on June 20, 2013. The commissions, which are producer-elected and directed, will ensure producers have the resources, leadership and provincial, national and international representation to strengthen Saskatchewan's competitive advantage and to ensure producers' and Saskatchewan's interests are protected. Check-off dollars administered by the commissions will go toward research and market development initiatives that improve wheat and barley varieties, grow their marketability and provide higher value to producers.

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