



Manitoba Corn Growers Association provides funding for research through the Corn Project

Carman, MB – January 23, 2019 – The Manitoba Corn Growers Association (MCGA) is providing funding of \$465,000 over five years through the Corn Project with the goals of developing more resilient, productive and high-quality corn hybrids and providing the agronomic tools and practices to improve the sustainability and profitability of corn growers.

At an event earlier today, Member of Parliament, Francis Drouin announced national funding for Canadian field crops research into soybean, corn and oats funded under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership's, AgriScience program. This federal investment includes \$2.6 million for a national corn research project, supported with an additional \$1.1 million from producers and private organizations from across Canada.

"A top priority of the MCGA is to fund research activities that will positively impact corn growers in Manitoba and make corn a profitable and competitive crop choice," says Dennis Thiessen, MCGA President. "The Corn Project will address common issues growers face across Canada and will lead to improved hybrids and agronomic practices."

Project objectives include:

- developing advanced nitrogen management strategies for Canadian corn growers to enhance productivity and environmental performance for corn production;
- developing public Canadian-adapted disease-resistant germplasm with improved disease resistance to Goss's wilt, Gibberella ear rot, northern corn leaf blight, common rust, and eyespot; and
- developing early maturity, cold-tolerant germplasm to support corn expansion into cooler regions of western Canada.

Comprehensive knowledge transfer plans will be integral to communicating results derived from the Corn Project to farmers and industry stakeholders. Learn more about MCGA's research program at www.manitobacorn.ca.

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About Manitoba Corn Growers Association:

Headquartered in Carman, Manitoba the **Manitoba Corn Growers Association (MCGA)** is a not-for-profit organization operated by a farmer-elected board of directors representing over 1400 farmers who grow corn in the province of Manitoba. The MCGA is dedicated to advancing the corn industry in Manitoba in the areas of research, market development and communication. For more information visit manitobacorn.ca.

About the Canadian Field Crop Research Alliance (CFCRA):

The CFCRA is a not-for-profit entity founded in 2010 with an interest in advancing the productive capacity of field crops in Canada, particularly soybean, corn, wheat, barley, and oat. The CFCRA is comprised of provincial farm organizations and industry partners, including: Atlantic Grains Council, Grain Farmers of Ontario; Producteurs de grains du Québec; Manitoba Pulse & Soybean Growers; Manitoba Corn Growers Association; Saskatchewan Pulse Growers; Prairie Oat Growers Association; SeCan Association; and FP Genetics.