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Voting Results Released on Proposed Amalgamation of Five Manitoba Commodity Groups

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Winnipeg, MB – February 13, 2020 – The five Manitoba commodity groups announced today the voting results from the annual general and special meetings (AGSMs) of the National Sunflower Association of Canada (NSAC), Manitoba Corn Growers Association (MCGA), Winter Cereals Manitoba, Inc. (WCMI), Manitoba Flax Growers Association (MFGA) and Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Association (MWBGA) that took place February 12 and 13, 2020.

A total of 165 ballots were cast at the five AGSMs. With two thirds majority of members voting in favour of the special resolution to amalgamate at each of the five AGSMs, the legal amalgamation of the five organizations with the Manitoba Crop Alliance, Inc. was approved.

“When we started this discussion in 2017 to explore amalgamation, the steering committee always stated it was a decision for our farmer members to make through a vote,” says Fred Greig, MWBGA’s chair. “We are happy our members engaged in the process and made their voice heard,” Greig adds.

A petition will be submitted by Manitoba Crop Alliance’s board of directors to the Manitoba Farm Products Marketing Council (MFPMC) on February 14, 2020. The petition is part of the process for the Manitoba Crop Alliance to gain their designation regulation under The Agricultural Producers’ Organization Funding Act to collect levy on the seven crop types at the same levy amounts as currently remitted. A copy of the draft designation regulation is available on the website www.mbcrops.ca. As previously communicated to members in September 2019, MFPMC had determined that a vote in favour of amalgamation by the five organizations would be enough to establish the representative nature of the Manitoba Crop Alliance, Inc.

Manitoba Crop Alliance’s board of directors will be meeting prior to seeding to ensure a smooth transition. Members of the five organizations will continue to be updated as the process moves forward to the Manitoba Crop Alliance becoming operational August 1, 2020.

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Background Information:

Voting Results as Counted by Scrutineers George & Associates Chartered Professional Accountants Inc.

Manitoba Commodity Group	Total Votes Cast	Necessary for Adoption (2/3rds)	In Favour	Opposed	Spoiled Ballots
National Sunflower Association of Canada	15	10	14	1	0
Manitoba Corn Growers Association	33	22	28	5	0
Winter Cereals Manitoba, Inc.	16	11	15	1	0
Manitoba Flax Growers Association	19	13	18	1	0
Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Association	82	55	66	16	0