

## **News Release**

### **Levy Central Announces New Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission Appointment to Levy Central Advisory Group**

**Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (July 12, 2016)** The Agriculture Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (ACS) is a non-profit organization representing 37 agriculture organizations from Saskatchewan's agri-food and agri-products sector. Member representation encompasses primary production, value added processing, agriculture education, environmental sustainability, as well as research and market development.

Levy Central has been under the ACS programming umbrella since 2010 and is currently contracted by 12 commodity organizations to administer the levy collection for 13 separate check-off programs. As of June 3, 2016, Levy Central has collected over \$14 million in levies on behalf of these organizations for the 2015-2016 crop year. This involved the co-operation of 580 commodity buyers and represented deliveries from over 67,000 agricultural producers.

ACS is very excited to announce the appointment of Blair Goldade as the Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission representative on the Levy Central Advisory Group. Blair grew up in Eston, Saskatchewan and continues to be actively involved in the family farming operation. He completed a B.Sc. in Agriculture in 1987, majoring in Animal Science at the University of Saskatchewan, and pursued graduate studies prior to joining the Animal Biotech Group in the Dept. of Animal Science. Since October 2014, Blair has served as Research Program Manager with the SWDC. He is responsible for managing and administering the research funding activities of SWDC through development of a research portfolio that maximizes direct financial benefit to Saskatchewan producers through yield gains and stability, improved quality characteristics and agronomic efficiencies.

The Levy Central offices are headquartered in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Please visit the Website for Levy Central at: [www.levycentral.ca](http://www.levycentral.ca)

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