

# CARBON TAX

## What We Think You Should Know...

### About Carbon Tax:

The Federal Government is imposing a “price on pollution” that will be attached to all inputs including transportation, repairs, equipment and so on. The farm use of gas and diesel fuel will be exempt, however, there are many other input costs that the government is adding a carbon tax to. Each province is dealing with the Federal Government’s mandated carbon tax differently and some provincial governments have attempted to make it revenue neutral.

### The Issues:

- Farmers will fully bear the cost of this tax, shrinking our margins even further.
- We have no way to pass these costs on to end users.
- Farmers have been leaders with many environmentally friendly practices – no-till planting, fewer crop inputs, better water management and fuel-efficient equipment are all steps that we have implemented for years.
- Farmers should be recognized for the positive way that they treat the land that they work on. For many generations, farmers have taken good care of their land, in order to ensure that they can continue to grow safe, healthy food in an environmentally sustainable way and ensure sustainability for the next generation.
- Farmers should be rewarded for the huge carbon sink that agriculture creates, not penalized through a carbon tax.

### Our Position:

- We believe the coalition opposing the federal carbon tax is the right and necessary step. For example, Saskatchewan grain is sold into the global market and the imposition of a carbon tax makes our grain less competitive.
- A federal carbon tax will hurt farmers.

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