

News Release

Levy Central Announces Expansion Across Canada

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (June 16, 2015) Agriculture Council of Saskatchewan Inc (ACS) is a non-profit organization representing 33 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. Since 1995, ACS has effectively delivered federal funding under the CARD, AESI, ACAAF, BOPI and CAAP programs. As of March 31, 2013, ACS administered over 1,400 projects under these Federal funding programs amounting to over \$49,000,000.00.

ACS is very excited to announce the branding and expansion of Levy Central to provide professional management services for Agriculture organizations across Canada. Levy Central has been part of ACS since 2010 and as of June 9, 2015, Levy Central has collected \$14,952,316.26 for the 2014-2015 crop year. This amount was collected from 537 buyers and represents commodity deliveries from 72,097 prairie producers for 12 western Canadian commodity organizations, representing 13 separate check off programs.

Levy Central, with its offices located in Saskatoon, has a team of Customer Service Representatives and one of the most efficient Levy collection database systems providing a strong and streamlined automated tracking system exclusive to each client's unique regulatory system. *"Levy Central has positioned themselves to be a leader in the Canadian Agriculture Levy Collection programs"*, stated Bryan Kosteroski, Executive Director of ACS.

The expansion of professional services includes election services, analysis & trend reports, new buyer development, and buyer registration renewal services. *"The expansion of services by Levy Central was driven by the agriculture organizations in Canada"*, stated Ann Smith, Levy Central Manager. With today's reporting demands, agriculture organizations are requesting the most up-to-date reporting programs.

The Levy Central offices are headquartered in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Please go to the new Website for Levy Central at: <u>www.levycentral.ca</u>

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