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WHEAT MARKET CHANGES MAY BE COMING

For years the Canadian Wheat Board has had a monopoly on selling wheat out of Canada. The Board has been able to capture many foreign contracts by undercutting US prices. They have been able to do that based on sheer volume of business. In 2010-2011 the Board did C\$5.8 billion in sales. Conservative members of the Canadian Parliament have introduced legislation to dismantle the grain marketing monopoly and require the Board to come up with a business plan within 5 years. If approved, Canadian wheat farmers would be able to sign forward pricing contracts August 1, 2012. Reaction to the proposed legislation is mixed. In a non-binding vote this summer 62% of farmers voted to keep CWB in the wheat business, while 51% voted to keep CWB in the barley business. Any change could have an impact on the amount of US wheat exported.

WHAT IS IN A WORD – “SUGAR”

US District Judge Consuelo B. Marshall ruled that only the Corn Refiners Association, an industry association, shall be the defendant in a case brought by plaintiffs that include Western Sugar Cooperative. Plaintiffs want to prevent the use of the words “corn sugar” instead of “high fructose corn syrup” in food and nutrition labeling. The industry

association has applied to the US Food and Drug Administration for permission to use the phrase.

CHANGE in EPA FARM FUEL RULES

Now will go into effect May 10, 2013

EPA announced a change in compliance dates due to flooding and fires in 2011. Many counties were declared disaster areas. Many farms were disproportionately affected and need time to prepare and implement a SPCC Plan.

- If you store, transfer or use oil or oil products....AND
- Store more than 1,320 US gallons in aboveground containers or more than 42,000 US gallons in completely buried containers AND
- Could reasonably be expected to discharge oil to water of the US or adjoining shorelines, such as interstate waters, intrastate lakes, rivers and streams

If your farm meets all these criteria, then your farm is covered by Oil Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Program.

The SPCC program requires you to prepare and implement an SPCC plan. A short Fact Sheet is available at: http://www.epa.gov/osweroe1/content/spcc/spcc_ag.htm.

Further information can be found at the EPA website:
http://www.epa.gov/osweroe1/content/spcc/spcc_ag.htm

SPRING WHEAT WORKSHOP

Wed. Jan 25, 2012

Fairgrounds, Powell, WY

Meeting protein levels * Irrigation * Insect pests

Diseases * Staging grains

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