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ANDERSON BANKROLLS RENT-A-CROWD TO ATTACK WHEAT BOARD

National Farmers Union President Stewart Wells says a government-sponsored “Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) Policy Conference” in Saskatoon July 27 purposely excludes the majority of western Canadian farmers. Only those organizations which have a policy of opposition to the CWB were initially invited. The closed meeting was orchestrated by David Anderson, MP for Cypress Hills-Grasslands.

Wells pointed out the federal government is footing the entire bill for travel, meals and accommodation for those attending the meeting. “The government is using this ‘rent-a-crowd’ to try to legitimize an attack on the CWB,” he said.

The NFU President said farmers must be the ones who make the decision on how they market their grain. “The majority of farmers support marketing through the single-desk of the CWB, which allows them to capture premium prices while minimizing their risks,” he stated. “The CWB is able to obtain premium prices for high-quality Canadian grain, and compete head-to-head with foreign-owned multinational grain companies, due to the single desk. The CWB puts an estimated \$2 million extra per day into farmers’ pockets.”

The NFU is working with other legitimate farm organizations to provide a venue for the majority of farmers who support the CWB marketing system.

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