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NFU COMMITS TO GREEN POWER INITIATIVE IN SASKATCHEWAN

The National Farmers Union (NFU) is showing its commitment to supporting renewable energy sources such as wind power which generate clean electrical power by switching its national office in Saskatoon to “greenpower”.

The NFU national office will be switching immediately to the “Green Power” program offered by SaskPower, the provincially-owned electrical utility. The source of supply for the SaskPower program comes from two wind power facilities located near Gull Lake in southwestern Saskatchewan. The electricity generated by these wind projects is delivered to farm, residential and business customers through the province-wide SaskPower electrical grid. A surcharge of \$2.50 per 100 kilowatt hour is aimed at offsetting the additional cost of electricity produced by the wind generating plants.

NFU President Stewart Wells, whose farm is located only a few kilometres from one of the wind power facilities, says the decision to participate in the Green Power program indicates the organization is concerned about Canada’s energy future.

“Our most recent national convention theme was Energy and Agriculture,” noted Wells. “We heard from a number of highly-respected speakers about the very real problems society will have to face as a result of over-reliance on fossil fuels. Farmers, in particular, are going to be deeply affected by possible oil shortages, and there needs to be a strategy in place well before such a crisis occurs.”

“As Al Gore and others have noted, we must all make personal and organizational decisions that will make more efficient use of our resources. I am proud that NFU members are again leading the way with the decision to adopt greenpower, and the NFU encourages other individuals, organizations, and corporations to take advantage of programs like Saskatchewan’s greenpower initiative.”

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