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## **CAIS MUST BE SCRAPPED THIS YEAR**

**Saskatoon** – Conservative MP Brad Trost reiterated his support for Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s call to scrap the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program (CAIS).

“During the election, the farmers in my riding were very pleased to hear the leader of my party promise that CAIS was going to be scrapped,” said Trost, MP for Saskatoon-Humboldt.

During an election speech in Chatham, Ontario on December 21, 2005, Conservative Party Leader Stephen Harper said:

“A new Conservative government will scrap CAIS, and introduce a new, simpler, much more responsive program. The new program will properly address the costs of production, market revenue, and inventory evaluation.”

The Conservative Leader also said the following in his Chatham speech:

“The Conservative vision of agriculture policy has been shaped by MPs in almost every region of the country who have been deeply involved in farming for their entire lives. We are stronger because of this representation, and frankly, Conservatives have a better understanding of the impact of the difficult times facing many farm families today.”

MP Trost agrees with this statement.

“I grew up part of a family farm near Springside. I know that CAIS does not work. Farmers in my riding and across Canada have said that the program is a disaster. CAIS needs to be replaced by the end of 2006 with a more responsive program. One that is more accountable to farmers,” Trost said.

“We also need an agricultural program that is more accessible to young farmers that are just starting out. A program that is more adaptable to the challenges that our farmers currently face,” Trost added.

In closing, MP Trost also stressed that Conservative election promises regarding Wheat Board reform must be implemented without delay: “All necessary changes that need to be made to the Canadian Wheat Board must be made by the beginning of the new crop year.”