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GRAIN FARMERS OF ONTARIO WELCOMES BARLEY AND OATS

GUELPH, ON (July 6, 2015) – Grain Farmers of Ontario is pleased to announce the addition of barley and oat farmers to its membership.

Official July 1, 2015, barley and oat farmers have joined Grain Farmers of Ontario, which also represents the provinces corn, soybean, and wheat farmers.

"We are proud to see our organization grow with the inclusion of these two important grain crops," says Mark Brock. "We look forward to supporting the province's barley and oat farmers, just as we do our current membership, through research, market development, advocacy, and public and member relations."

Ontario harvests about 250,000 acres of barley and oats annually. Farmers delivering barley and oats to a grain elevator this summer will be charged a check-off fee to Grain Farmers of Ontario. Fees are:

> Barley $1.30/mT
> Oats $1.65/mT
> Mix of Barley and Oats $1.65/mT

Farmer-members are reminded that barley and oats are not covered by the Grain Financial Protection Plan.

"A barley and oats welcome celebration will also be hosted in the Grain Farmers of Ontario tent at Canada's Outdoor Farm Show," says Barry Senft, CEO of Grain Farmers of Ontario. "We look forward to meeting our new members at this gathering and at our annual general meeting in September."

Questions about barley and oat representation should be directed to Valerie Gilvesy, Member Relations at Grain Farmers of Ontario – vgilvesy@gfo.ca or 226-979-5581.

Grain Farmers of Ontario
Grain Farmers of Ontario is the province's largest commodity organization, representing Ontario's 28,000 barley, corn, oats, soybean, and wheat farmers. The crops they grow cover 5 million acres of farm land across the province, generate over $2.5 billion in farm gate receipts, result in over $9 billion in economic output and are responsible for over 40,000 jobs in the province.

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