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Dear NSAC Member,

Just a reminder to mark your calendars for the **2008 MB Special Crops Symposium** to be held on **February 20th and 21st, 2008** at the MacDon Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Once again the Board of Directors of the NSAC has agreed to join with the Manitoba Corn Growers and the Manitoba Pulse Growers to hold a joint winter meeting. This year the committee is offering packages to attend the symposium including bus transportation from the SW corner of Manitoba, hotel accommodations and a banquet ticket. Attached to this letter you will find a full conference agenda and registration form for the symposium. The NSAC Annual General Meeting will be once again held during the symposium on Thursday, February 21st at 8:40 a.m. in the Theatre. As a NSAC member, it will be a valuable investment of time to attend the AGM for two reasons: to an informative update on current and future activities of the NSAC, and to provide an opportunity for those of you who are interested in becoming a director with the association to participate in the election process. If you wish to become a director with the NSAC please contact the office for more information.

The NSAC continues to be work on behalf of Sunflower growers of Canada; some of the current open files include lobbying with MASC to provide better coverage prices for sunflowers and work towards to inclusion of black bird damage into the Wildlife Damage Compensation program, continuing to work with the CFIA to amend the Sunflower Variety Registration system, ongoing consultations with the Pest Management Regulatory Agency and Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives to get the necessary production tools registered, continued discussions with seed companies to ensure varieties are moving through the Canadian Registration process and planning for the 2008 Sunflower Post-Registration trials in conjunction with Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives. For the latest updates and information on the NSAC please visit our website at www.canadasunflower.com.

If there are any questions surrounding the symposium or any other items, please feel free to contact me at the information above. See you in February!

Regards,

Darcelle Mabon
Executive Director
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