



# Getting on Track: Solutions for the future

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# Getting on track

- ▶ Focus is on the path forward for grain transportation
- ▶ Brief outline to kick off the agenda:
  - Changes and developments that led us here today
  - Coalition's CTA review activities undertaken to date
  - Why the CTA review is important to farmers, the Western Canadian economy
  - Why we need to hear from Forum participants
  - Next Steps

# Policy environment

- ▶ 1983: *Western Grain Transportation Act*
  - last costing review – 1992
- ▶ 1996: *Canada Transportation Act*
  - Estey – Kroeger reports – 1997/98
  - Maximum Revenue Entitlement – 2000/01
- ▶ Rationalization of GHTS
  - Rail line abandonment
  - Elevator closures
- ▶ Institutional changes
  - Privatization of GHTS
  - Bill C-18 *Marketing Freedom for Grain Farmers Act*

# Planning for Growth

- ▶ Governments, producers, and industry positioned for productivity growth to supply growing markets
- ▶ Province of Saskatchewan “Plan for Growth”:
  - Double the Saskatchewan’s exports value by 2020
  - Increase crop production by 10 MMT by 2020
  - Increase exports of agricultural and food products from \$10 billion in 2011 to \$15 billion in 2020
  - Potash producers have committed \$13.9 billion for the expansion of existing potash mines.

# 2013/14 Crop year

- ▶ Record harvest 76 MMT
- ▶ Fall 2013 / Winter 2014:
  - Lack of delivery opportunities
  - Falling Prices
  - Widening Basis
- ▶ March, 2014: Order in Council
- ▶ May, 2014: Bill C-30 *Fair Rail for Grain Farmers Act*
- ▶ June, 2014: CTA Review

# Coalition building – CTA Review

- ▶ *October, 2014:* Meeting of Sask farm groups and crop commodity associations
- ▶ *December, 2014:* “Sask Producer Coalition” submission to the CTA Review Panel
- ▶ *March, 2015:* Presentation of key recommendations to CTA review Panel
- ▶ *April, 2015:* Sask Producer Coalition brings Western Canadian Grain Farmers Concerns to Parliament Hill
- ▶ *July, 2015:* Famers’ Forum on Grain Transportation

# The producer perspective

- ▶ Producers have unique financial interest in the design and operational effectiveness of the transportation system
- ▶ No voice or transparency in capacity planning
- ▶ Fundamental problems don't let the market work
- ▶ CTA Review is an opportunity to examine the transportation requirements of all market participants.

# 2015 Farmers' Forum

- ▶ Updates on key issues that must be addressed
- ▶ Engage with Forum participants on Coalition's recommendations
- ▶ Are we on the right track?
- ▶ Next steps