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Storm clouds don't have to wreak havoc for producers

Strategies for protecting producers' income during times of risk the focus of CAIS seminar

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006 – Calgary, AB – How can producers minimize their loss of income during times of risk, whether it's an early frost, a devastating disease, or low market prices? The answer to this question and many others can be found at "CAIS: How to Protect Your Income from Risk," a free public seminar on March 8 in Kelowna and March 10 in Penticton.

Hosted by Meyers Norris Penny (MNP) LLP, the only Top 10 chartered accountancy and business advisory firm based in Western Canada, the seminar offers insight into how producers can access the national Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program (CAIS) to help protect their income from risks beyond their control. Presenters will include Steve Funk, a leading CAIS authority from MNP, and key Government of Canada representatives.

"Producers can be devastated by even one element beyond their control, whether it's an ongoing drought or a disease like the avian flu. In these seminars, producers will learn how they can access the CAIS program to ensure a more stable income and get through those tough times," says Funk.

MNP has assisted numerous clients in maximizing their CAIS benefits. In 2003, MNP clients received an average CAIS payment of \$35,682. The federal average was \$21,103. MNP is the largest agriculture advisory firm in Western Canada, and has more than 12,000 ag clients across the West participating in the CAIS program.

The Kelowna CAIS seminar and lunch will be held March 8 from noon until 2 p.m. at the Hotel Eldorado, 500 Cook Road. The Penticton seminar and lunch is March 10 from noon until 2 p.m. at Penticton Lakeside Resort, 21 Lakeside Drive West. To register, call Gail McCutcheon at 250.763.8919.

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