Monitoring the Prairie Grain Handling and Transportation System



# Stakeholder Discussions on Producer Impact













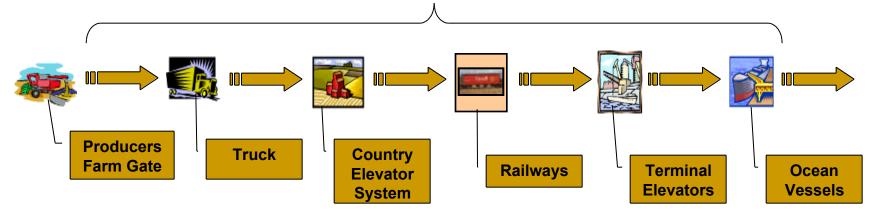
## **Agenda**

- Producer Netback discussion
  - Discussion on paper and sample methodologies
  - Input on formula for Export Basis Calculation
- Other Producer Impacts
  - Discussion on definitions/ limitations
  - Listing of suggested measures/ issues
  - Discussion on potential measures methodologies



## The Monitor's view of the GHTS....

From Farm Gate to Vessel Loading/ Departure



#### **Objectives of the Monitor**

- Assess the effects of changes in the GHTS to Producers
- Assess whether the CWB marketing mandate is affected and how
- Assess the overall performance of the GHTS
- Assess the effect on: system grain handling efficiency

railway efficiency port efficiency



### **Role of the Monitor**

- Objective assessment of the performance of the GHTS through:
  - Collection of data from all affected industry stakeholders
  - Production of quantitative measures of performance across all aspects of the GHTS supply chain
  - Analysis of measures and determination of performance
  - Provision of quarterly and annual reports to the appropriate Ministers
- Monitor shall carry out his mandate:
  - In a neutral and independent manner
  - Without authority to direct stakeholders with respect to policy, practices or procedures
  - Without offering prescriptive advice or resolutions to issues or disputes that arise among industry stakeholders
  - Without making determinations as to performance targets or benchmarks for the industry



### **Producer Netback**



## **Producer Netback:**Objectives for Monitor

- For wheat, durum, feed barley, and canola:
  - Determine the export basis at selected locations in each province.
  - Perform sensitivity analysis on the export basis using alternative formulations and cost estimates.
  - Develop netback estimates at the provincial level using export prices and export basis.
  - Determine annual percentage changes in netback attributable to world prices and export basis.



## Methodology for Wheat, Durum, and Feed Barley Export Basis and Visible Netback

#### **Export Basis**

- Determine the applicable rail freight
  - Wheat and durum: lesser of the rail freight to Thunder Bay plus the Freight Adjustment Factor (FAF) or the rail freight to Vancouver.
  - Feed Barley: lesser of the rail freight to Thunder Bay plus the Eastern FAF or the rail freight to Vancouver plus the Western FAF.
- Adjust the applicable rail freight for incentive rates
- Add the cost of commercial trucking from the farm to the elevator

- Add the primary tariff for elevation
- Add the primary tariff for dockage (terminal cleaning)
- Add the CWB pool account costs for operations.

#### **Visible Netback**

- Adjust the CWB final price for the CWB operating costs.
- Subtract the total export basis from the adjusted final price.



#### Wheat Export Basis and Visible Netback, 1999-2000 Saskatoon Share of **Dauphin** Share of (Average) Basis (Average) Basis \$/Tonne \$/Tonne Freight To Thunder Bay 30.58 23.38 Freight To Vancouver 35.74 44.24 10.37 10.37 FAF 65% 61% Applicable Freight 35.74 33.75 -4.00 -7% -3.00 Incentive -5% Applicable Freight Adj for Incentive 31.74 58% 30.75 56% Trucking 5.00 9% 5.00 9% **Primary Elevation** 9.32 17% 19% 10.65 Primary Dockage 3.47 6% 3.49 6% **CWB Costs** 5.40 10% 5.40 10% **Total Basis** 54.93 100% 55.28 100% CWB Final Price 1 CWRS 167.58 167.58 Adj CWB Final Price 1 CWRS 172.98 172.98



Visible Netback to Producers

117.70

118.05

#### **Durum Export Basis and Visible Netback, 1999-2000**

	Saskatoon	Share of	Dauphin	Share of
	(Average)	Basis	(Average)	Basis
	\$/Tonne		\$/Tonne	
Freight To Thunder Bay	30.58		23.38	
Freight To Vancouver	35.74		44.24	
FAF	0.62		4.81	
Applicable Freight	31.20	47%	28.19	43%
Incentive	-4.00	-6%	-3.00	-5%
Applicable Freight Adj for Incentive	27.20	41%	25.19	38%
Trucking	5.00	8%	5.00	8%
Primary Elevation	9.32	14%	10.65	16%
Primary Dockage	3.47	5%	3.49	5%
CWB Costs	21.32	32%	21.32	32%
Total Basis	66.31	100%	65.64	100%
CWB Final Price 1 CWAD	206.79		206.79	
Adjusted CWB Final Price 1 CWAD	228.11		228.11	
Visible Netback to Producers	161.80		162.47	



#### Feed Barley Export Basis and Visible Netback, 1999-2000 Saskatoon Share of Dauphin Share of (Average) (Average) Basis Basis \$/Tonne \$/Tonne Freight To Thunder Bay 30.58 23.38 Freight To Vancouver 35.74 44.24 FAF Western 0.00 0.00 FAF Eastern 23.40 23.40 69% Applicable Freight 35.74 69% 44.24 -8% Incentive -4.00 -3.00 -5% Applicable Freight Adj for Incentive 31.74 61% 41.24 64% 10% 5.00 8% Trucking 5.00 **Primary Elevation** 10.25 20% 12.95 20% 7% Primary Dockage 4.30 8% 4.32 **CWB Costs** 0.51 1% 0.51 1% 51.80 100% 100% **Total Basis** 64.02 CWB Final Price 1 CW Barley 135.37 135.37 Adjusted CWB Final Price 1 CW Barley 135.88 135.88 Visible Netback to Producers 84.08 71.86



## Methodology for Calculating the Visible Netback for Canola

- Calculate the total basis
  - Add the cost of commercial trucking from the farm to the elevator to the basis calculated by the WCE.
- Calculate the visible netback
  - Subtract the total basis from the cash price for 1 Canada canola at Vancouver.

Canola Export Basis and Visible Netback, 1999-2000					
	Saskatoon	Dauphin			
Canola	(Average)	(Average)			
	\$/Tonne	\$/Tonne			
Basis	50.00	55.00			
Trucking	5.00	5.00			
Total Basis	55.00	60.00			
Cash Price 1 Canada	287.77	287.77			
Visible Netback to Producers	237.77	232.77			
Basis numbers for explanatory purposes only					

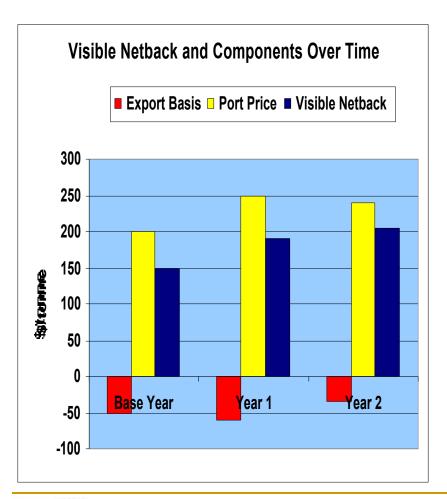


## Sensitivity Analysis on Variable Components (Trucking Costs, Elevation, and Incentives)

	Saskatoon		Dauphin			
	Wheat	<b>Durum</b>	Feed Barley	Wheat		Feed Barley
		\$/tonne				
Total Basis	<i>54.93</i>	66.31	<i>51.80</i>	<i>55.28</i>	<i>65.64</i>	64.02
Visible Netback	118.05	161.80	84.08	117.70	162.47	71.86
\$/Tonne			0/ 01		_	
Change in Basis			% Change			
10	-8%	-6%	-12%	-8%	-6%	-14%
9	-8%	-6%	-11%	-8%	-6%	-13%
8	-7%	-5%	-10%	-7%	-5%	-11%
7	-6%	-4%	-8%	-6%	-4%	-10%
6	-5%	-4%	-7%	-5%	-4%	-8%
5	-4%	-3%	-6%	-4%	-3%	-7%
4	-3%	-2%	-5%	-3%	-2%	-6%
3	-3%	-2%	-4%	-3%	-2%	-4%
2	-2%	-1%	-2%	-2%	-1%	-3%
1	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%
-1	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
-2	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%
-3	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%
-4	3%	2%	5%	3%	2%	6%
-5	4%	3%	6%	4%	3%	7%
-6	5%	4%	7%	5%	4%	8%
-7	6%	4%	8%	6%	4%	10%
-8	7%	5%	10%	7%	5%	11%
-9	8%	6%	11%	8%	6%	13%
-10	8%	6%	12%	8%	6%	14%



## **Annual Percentage Changes**



Annual Changes in Visible Netback					
	Base Year	Year 1	Year 2		
	\$/tonne				
Visible Netback	150	190	205		
Export Basis	50	60	35		
Port Price	200	250	240		
Change (\$/tonne)					
Visible Netback		40	15		
Export Basis		-10	25		
Port Price		50	-10		
% of Netback Change					
Export Basis		-25%	167%		
Port Price		125%	-67%		



## Other Impacts to Producers



## Other Impacts on Producers -

- Two Approaches
  - True measures to be included in the GMP
  - Special Studies
- Studies must be prioritized
  - Not all can be performed
- Measures must have data accessible within the GMP mandate
  - Issues of Confidentiality/ Commercial Sensitivity



### Other Impacts on Producers -

- Road impacts from increased trucking.
- Tracking of customer satisfaction levels.
- On-farm adjustment costs (i.e. reconfiguring yards to allow better movement of larger trucks)
- Changes in net income per acre resulting from changes in the GHTS.
- Long-term viability of Canadian ports.
- Best practices in GHTS.
- Examination of the commercial trucking industry



### Other Impacts on Producers -

- Prospects for crop diversification and the impact of crop diversification on the demand for transportation and handling services.
- The ability of the system to move product to capture higher prices in particular time periods.

