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Invitation to Sign-On to the "No to GMO Alfalfa" Campaign

The commercialization of genetically modified alfalfa -- GMO Alfalfa -- planned by Monsanto and Forage Genetics International, would have a severe, negative impact on Canadian agriculture, markets, and our environment. A united effort by agriculture producer groups, consumer and environmental organizations, as well as concerned individuals, will prevent this from happening. A similar campaign stopped GMO wheat in 2004.

This is your invitation to join in putting the brakes on GMO Alfalfa.

We invite all organizations, producer associations, companies and community groups to endorse the No to GMO Alfalfa campaign by signing on to the following statement (Your group's name will be used in a list of groups that state opposition to GMO Alfalfa):

- **We oppose the sale, trade and production of GMO Alfalfa in Canada.**
- **We ask the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to reassess its approval for environmental release of GMO Alfalfa.**
- **We want the public to understand the hazards, costs and market losses that would result if GMO Alfalfa were released into our environment.**

Sign here and return to SOD OAPF by February 28, 2009:

Organization/Company _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____

Phone and Fax _____

Authorized Signature _____ Title _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

Next Steps:

- A National **NO to GMO Alfalfa** Coalition or Campaign Team will be struck to further develop the campaign by launching the campaign, publicizing the list of groups that have signed the above statement, and engaging the public and farmers in further action as part of the national campaign.
- Signatories to this letter will be contacted to discuss how they may like to be involved in the **NO to GMO Alfalfa** campaign.

Thank you!

About the SOD OAPF Committee – The Saskatchewan Organic Directorate is the umbrella group for the organic sector in Saskatchewan. In 2001 the Organic Agriculture Protection Fund Committee was established by SOD in order to protect organic farms and food from contamination by GMOs. The OAPF Committee provided support to the legal action against Monsanto and Bayer to bring about an injunction to stop the commercialization of GMO wheat, and to make the biotech companies liable for losses to organic farmers due to contamination of certified organic crops and fields by GMO canola. In 2004 Monsanto withdrew its application to have GMO wheat approved in Canada. For more about our past activities, see www.saskorganic.com/oapf

For more information contact:

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