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RESULTS OF FIVE-YEAR RESEARCH CLUSTER PROGRAM ADDRESS KEY PRIORITIES FOR CANADIAN PULSE FARMERS

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 (Carman, MB) - From 2018-2023, Manitoba Pulse and Soybean Growers (MPSG) collaborated with government and industry partners under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) Agriscience Cluster Program to invest more than \$10 million into research projects through the recently completed Pulse Science Cluster.

Anyone can now access research results which help address some key priorities that were established through the cluster, aimed at improving the competitiveness of pulse crops in Canada. These priorities include enhancing field pea varieties through genetic improvements, mitigating root rots, gaining a better understanding of nematodes, and developing new strategies for utilizing faba beans and other pulse ingredients.

MPSG's investment toward the projects under the five-year Pulse AgriScience Cluster program totaled \$1,418,225. Through collaboration, the value of this research is over \$17 million, with \$11.1 million coming from the CAP AgriScience Cluster program.

"MPSG is pleased to have played a role in contributing to funding the Pulse Science Cluster," said Melvin Rattai, MPSG Chair. "There is tremendous value to Canadian pulse farmers with the completion of this cluster and we look forward to seeing the positive outcomes and benefits this research will bring."

Co-funding partners include Saskatchewan Pulse Growers, Alberta Pulse Growers, Ontario Bean Growers.

Investing in pulse science research and innovation is important for Canadian pulse growers to remain profitable and competitive. Coordinating research funding and programming maximizes efficiency, increases capacity, and improves the ability to adopt new innovative technologies.

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To view projects that MPSG funded within the cluster, please visit: <https://wp.me/p9aRGk-6yB>





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About Manitoba Pulse & Soybean Growers

Manitoba Pulse & Soybean Growers (MPSG) is a non-profit, member-based corporation representing more than 4,000 farmers in Manitoba who grow soybeans and pulses, including dry beans, peas, lentils, and faba beans. MPSG provides Manitoba pulse and soybean farmer members with production knowledge and market development support, through focused research, advocacy and linkages with industry partners. For more information, please visit: www.manitobapulse.ca

