Report of Activities
Transportation
December 2014
Situation Report – 2013/14 Final

Total Canadian Oat Production
Source: AAFC Outlook for Principal Field Crops

Total Canadian Oat Exports
Source: CGC Grain Statistic Weekly
Situation Report – 2014/15

Annual Oat Exports As of Week 16
(Week ending November 23rd)
CTA Review Meetings

- Hosted Policy Discussion session on July 22\textsuperscript{nd}
- Attended CTA review meeting on September 22\textsuperscript{nd}
- Met with Saskatchewan Government on September 22\textsuperscript{nd}
- Attended Agency Meeting on October 15\textsuperscript{th} regarding minimum grain movement provision
CTA Review Submission

- Document developed over multiple drafts
- Outlines positions on a number of issues, and provides background information
- Currently 27 pages long
CTA Review Submission
5 Year Cycle of Planning

- Consultations with all rail transportation stakeholders held every 5 years
- Include consideration of expected production, capacity strains, and
- Result in the creation of grain movement targets
  - By Commodity
  - By Sector
- Reviewed annually by the agency
CTA Review Submission
Tiered Response Program

- Based on the movement targets established by the 5 year cycle
- Establishes measures to be taken in the event of movement falling below targets
  - On Target: Open market environment
  - 10% Below Target: Car Allocation switched to hybrid 30% open market, 70% historical
  - 20% Below Target: Arbitrator will step in and handle car allocation disputes
  - 30% Below Target: Re-establish minimum movement levels similar to those presently in place
CTA Review Submission
Monitoring

- Comprehensive overhaul of the rail information monitoring system
- Remove the asymmetrical relationship between shippers and railways in dispute situations
- Agency should collect waybill samples, as they do in the US
- Improve reporting on traffic to the US
  - Improvements in both Commodity and Corridor data
CTA Review Submission
Revenue Entitlement

- Costing Review
- Cap Penalty funds redirected to infrastructure improvements
- Incentives for performance above the targets established in the 5 year cycle of planning
CTA Review Submission
Service Level Agreements

- Adopt CRS Proposals
  - Definition of Adequate and Suitable
  - Remove “operational” from “operational term”
  - Create mechanism for shippers to determine if a breach of service agreement has occurred
  - The requirement that complaints against railways include multiple shippers be lifted
  - Allow shipper to frame the matter of dispute
  - Remove consideration of railway company’s network

- Establish a multi-party Final Offer Arbitration process
CTA Review Submission
Producer Cars and Fostering Small Volume Shipments

- Allow for the creation of boutique producer car operations
  - Allow these organizations to introduce private cars into the system
- Priority be given to producer car orders of 10 or more cars at one destination at one time
- Create arbitrator assigned specifically to producer car shipments of 50 cars and below
- Equity in the system for shipments of 25 cars and under
CTA Review Submission
Other Recommendations

- Keep increased interswitching distance
- Allow for twinned railways in national parks
- Increase hours of operation in ports of Vancouver and Montreal
- Re-establish Public Interest test in the act
- Remove “statutory obligations to other shippers and third parties” from the act
- Reverse onus for captivity tests
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