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RESEARCH PROJECT TO INCREASE VALUE OF BY-PRODUCTS FROM ETHANOL FUEL PRODUCTION

WINNIPEG, Manitoba – The University of Manitoba will receive funding for further research to enhance the value of livestock feed uses for distiller's dried grain, a high protein by-product of ethanol production. The Canada-Manitoba Economic Partnership Agreement is contributing \$202,820 towards the project.

The announcement was made today by Rod Bruinooge, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South, on behalf of the Honourable Rona Ambrose, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of Western Economic Diversification, and Marilyn Brick, Member of the Legislative Assembly for St. Norbert, on behalf of Jim Rondeau, Manitoba's Minister of Competitiveness, Training and Trade.

"Canada's New Government is working in partnership with the Province of Manitoba to ensure a prosperous future for Manitobans by fostering growth in the ethanol and grain industries," said Bruinooge. "This joint funding investment of over \$200,000, through the Canada-Manitoba Economic Partnership Agreement, will enable the University of Manitoba to conduct research that will help place Manitoba at the forefront of developing practical and economic uses for wheat-derived distillers dried grain."

"Our government is committed to investing in new economic opportunities for Manitoba's rural communities," said Brick. "Research into adding value to ethanol by-products follows Manitoba's strong commitment to investment in biofuel production."

The Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences will research different processing technologies and techniques to determine the impact on the yield of ethanol as well as the quality of the by-products. Increasing the value of the by-product will contribute to the long-term success of both the ethanol industry and the livestock feed industry in Manitoba. The emerging ethanol industry also provides an alternative market opportunity for Manitoba grain producers.

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“This project builds on a foundation of outstanding research at the University of Manitoba related to new wheat cultivars, efficient fermentation strategies, and value-added co-product development,” said University of Manitoba President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Emőke Szathmáry. “The support announced today is great news, not just for the researchers involved, but also for the Manitoba grain producers, livestock producers and biofuels industries that will directly benefit from their innovative work.”

Previous funding of \$134,000 was also provided for this project through the Canada-Manitoba Agri-Food Research and Development Initiative. The new project is one component of a comprehensive biofuels research program at the University of Manitoba that was established in 2005 with significant support from Husky Energy Inc.

Under the Canada-Manitoba Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), the governments of Canada and Manitoba are working together and in partnership with community stakeholders to build the economy and strengthen communities. These priorities promote economic growth and diversification in the province. For more information on this and other projects funded under EPA, visit: <http://www.epa.gov.mb.ca>.

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