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Organic Farmers Appeal Lower Court Decision in GMO Contamination Class Action

On Monday December 11, 2006 the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal will begin hearing the certified organic farmers of Saskatchewan's arguments as they seek to overturn the lower court decision that denied them class certification in their bid to hold Monsanto Canada and Bayer CropScience liable for losses due to GMO canola contamination of organic fields and crops.

Representative plaintiffs, Larry Hoffman and Dale Beaudoin will be represented by legal counsel, Terry Zakreski before the three-judge panel that will decide whether the farmers' case meets the criteria for class action certification under the Saskatchewan Class Actions Act.

"We have sustained significant losses as organic farmers. We need to convince the Court of that, and that we should be certified as a class action so we can pursue our case against the companies", stated Larry Hoffman. "We believe that the lower court judge set the bar too high, and we will try to convince the Court that she erred in her ruling."

The outcome of the hearing may have implications for future class actions in Saskatchewan.

The Appeal is scheduled to take two days, December 11 and 12, 2006 starting at 10 AM each day. The Saskatchewan Court of Appeal is located at 2425 Victoria Avenue, Regina, SK.

More information about the case, including the appellants' factum, is located on the website at www.saskorganic.com/oapf.

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