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Agriculture In A Democratic Manner'*

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food and fibre production'*

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### **Response to the announcement of Monsanto that it is suspending its Roundup Ready Wheat Program**

“The OAPF is very pleased to learn today that Monsanto is suspending its Roundup Ready Wheat program.” stated organic farmer and OAPF committee member Marc Loiselle. “If GM wheat was to go ahead like GM canola has, it would have far reaching negative effects; not the least of which would be the probable demise of prairie organic farming.”

We are however, awaiting clarification on a few issues about the announced withdrawal:

1. Has Monsanto Canada withdrawn its applications for regulatory approvals from Agriculture and Agrifood Canada and Health Canada?
2. Does the decision mean that Monsanto Canada will not be growing Roundup Ready wheat on any confined test plots in Canada this year?

Assuming that the answers to these questions are favorable, the OAPF is very pleased with Monsanto’s decision to suspend its Roundup Ready Wheat program. The OAPF is proud to have been a part of a broad-based opposition to Monsanto’s efforts to introduce Roundup Ready wheat, including the legal action by the organic farmers of Saskatchewan seeking an injunction to bar the introduction of this crop.

Assuming a full withdrawal by Monsanto, the OAPF is satisfied that an important part of its mandate, blocking the introduction of Roundup Ready wheat, has been achieved. This leaves the issue of seeking to hold Monsanto and Bayer Cropscience legally liable for the damage caused to organic farmers by the introduction of genetically-modified canola, an action in which the organic farmers of Saskatchewan are seeking class action certification.

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