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Farmers welcome new Chair of NACMA

The NSW Farmers' Association has today offered its congratulations to the new Chair of the National Agricultural Commodities Marketing Association (NACMA), well-known grains industry identity Tom Keene.

NSW Farmers' Association Grains Committee Chair Richard Clark says that Mr Keene has the required experience from across the value chain to bring balance to the industry at a time of significant change.

"There is no doubt that the grains industry is experiencing a time of instability and uncertainty, and we look forward to working with Mr Keene to address the challenges facing the industry," Mr Clark said.

"We continue to work closely with NACMA to ensure our Members receive the best delivery and testing standards and trade rules, and we look forward to continuing this relationship.

"In welcoming Mr Keene to the position, we would also like to take this opportunity to thank Geoff Baker, the former Chair of NACMA, for his enormous contribution to the grains industry over the past four years," Mr Clark said.

The Association works closely with NACMA, which will undergo a name change to Grain Trade Australia as of 1 March 2009.

In recent times Association Members, John Ridley, Mark Hoskinson, Alan Brown and Nick Taylor have been appointed to the four NACMA committees in order to represent the views of Members and the Association.

"We are very pleased to continue our relationship with NACMA, and look forward to working closely with the new Chair," Mr Clark concluded.

**Note for Radio: An audio grab from NSW Farmers' Association Grains Committee Chair Richard Clark is available from the Association's website (www.nswfarmers.org.au/media_centre/audio_grabs). However, if you would prefer to conduct your own interview, please contact Amanda Barwick or Ruth Redfern on the numbers listed below.*

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