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Wheat Marketing debated

Farmers in NSW have today voted in support of a new Grower controlled entity to manage the Wheat export Single Desk, along with the preferred principles for its structure and operation.

President of the NSW Farmers' Association Jock Laurie says that Conference had particular emphasis on a forward looking arrangement which incorporated the benefits of the Single Desk.

"Conference supported pooling arrangement subject to strict public reporting requirements and which provided payment security," Mr Laurie said.

"Delegates also supported greater transparency of commercial signals and information across the industry.

"In May the Federal Government announced that industry had until the 1st March to create an entity to manage the single desk, and farmers' today provided policy direction to our representatives working towards this outcome.

"Our representatives on the Wheat Export Marketing Alliance, along with all other State Farming Organisations and the Wheat Growers Association have a tremendous challenge to create this entity by this time," Mr Laurie said.

"We will be working with other key industry stakeholders and government to ensure that an informed decision in the best interest of growers will be undertaken," Mr Laurie concluded.

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NSW Farmers' Association Annual Conference will be webcast from 8:30am – 5:30pm Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 July 2007. Visit www.nswfarmers.org.au for details

Fast Fact: