




***NFS – Crop Specific Consultative Group (CSCG)  
Working Group Meeting – Feb 6 2007 in  
Winnipeg, Manitoba***

***Summary of Meeting Outcomes  
and Key Messages***

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***Outline***

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- **Context for CSCG Working Group Meeting**
- **Purpose, Mandate and Scope of CSCGs**
- **Guiding Principles**
- **Organizational Structure**
- **Operational Guidelines**
- **Membership**

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## *Context*

- **Convened by NFS to provide input to CFIA**
- **Participation**
- **Approach and format**
- **Report – Please read**

## *Purpose, Mandate and Scope*

- *“Walk Before We Run”*
- *Start with seed*
- *Role clarity to avoid overlap*
  - *Recommending Committees, Value Chain Roundtables, etc.*
  - *How much focus on policy issues?*
- *Recognition*
  - *Government, CFIA?*
  - *Depends on Scope*

## *Guiding Principles*

- **Support for NFS Principles**
- **Accountability**
  - Towards “consensus”
  - Agenda setting
  - Timelines and deliverables
- **Inclusiveness**
  - Participation
  - Resources to participate

## *Organizational Structure*

- **Flexibility**
  - Uniqueness of Canola
  - Issues
- **Regional and National**
  - Start National
  - Do what “makes sense”
- **Role of NFS**
  - Not a filter
  - Cross-crop kind issues
  - Facilitate communication

## *Operational Guidelines*

- \$\$\$
- “User pay”
- VRT as a model

## *Membership*

- Again, flexibility is critical
- Lots of “ideas”
- Start with a pilot

# Questions?