I am writing to you concerning two items which are hurting the farming sector of agriculture.

1. It is very distressing to note the basis levels that elevator companies are using are extreme compared to our U.S. counterparts. There is also no correlation to the American dollar.

It must be that mandatory information reporting for the grain handling, ie: the primary elevator cash prices and export price quotes, with grade, protein level, and location.

2. The transportation system is not doing the proper job it should be doing. There must be a rail oversight/planning group to establish performance targets and assess the railways performance and penalties, which should be much more substantial than the present penalties. Producers must be at the table.

Unless measures are taken to ensure these undertakings are met, the farmer will continue to be shafted by both elevator companies and the railways.

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