

Pacific NorthWest Economic Region **Market Access Panel**

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Saskatchewan's Plan for Growth

Vision 2020 and Beyond

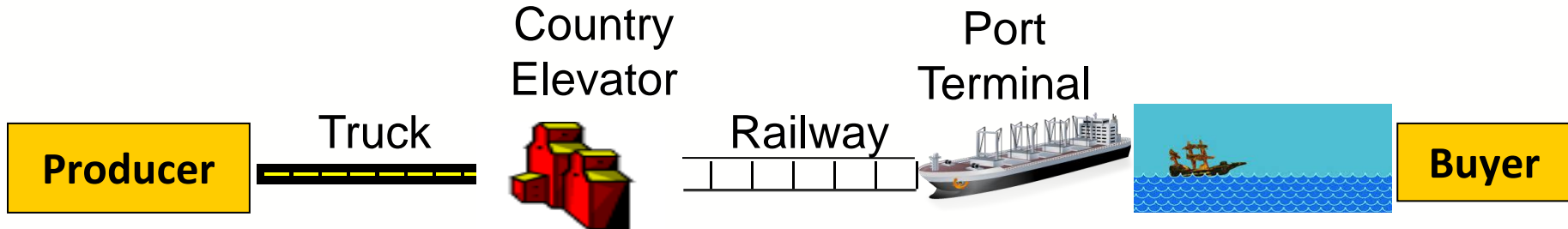
- Increase crop production by 10 million tonnes;
- Increase agri-food exports from \$10 billion to \$15 billion;
- Increase revenue from value-added activity to \$6 billion; and
- Global leader in biosciences.

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2013 Saskatchewan Crop Production

Transportation Constraints



Industry estimated a total railcar shortfall exceeding 75,000 cars.

Transportation Constraints



Impacts

- Farmers unable to deliver contracted grain to elevators.
- Grain unable to make it to export position.
- Record number of ships waiting at port.
- End-users unable to receive reliable supply of grain and oilseeds.
- Damage to Saskatchewan's reputation.

Federal Actions

- Order in Council
 - Established performance benchmarks
 - Outlines penalties
- *Fair Rail for Grain Farmers Act* (Bill C-30)
 - 11,000 cars/week
 - Extended inter-switching distances to 160 km
 - Strengthens Service Level Agreements

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