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Ag-West Bio launches Sask Agrisource database, a new resource for Saskatchewan's agri-value sector

Saskatoon, SK: Ag-West Bio has launched Sask Agrisource (saskagrisource.ca), a website with a database listing hundreds of organizations that offer bioscience or agri-value products and services in the province. The new online resource was developed to showcase the province's growing agri-value sector.

The user-friendly database is searchable by keywords and includes an interactive map showing the location of each of the organizations listed.

Karen Churchill, Ag-West Bio's president and CEO, says the Sask Agrisource database was created to help promote businesses operating in the agri-value or biobusiness sector in Saskatchewan.

"It's amazing how many organizations are active in this sector. This database will be a valuable tool, both for companies looking for resources and partnerships, and for other organizations like ours who are working to promote Saskatchewan's agri-value industry."

Ag-West Bio's Director of Industry Relations Bev Stangeland led the project. She says a comprehensive list of Saskatchewan agri-value companies was previously not available and it was apparent that this type of resource would be of great value – both to the companies listed, and to anyone interested in this sector.

"Nothing like this existed. There wasn't one place to bring together all the stakeholders in the industry. Now, if anyone asks what is happening in Saskatchewan's agri-value sector, we can direct them to this list. It is a living site and will evolve as the sector grows. We encourage all Saskatchewan organizations active in this sector to get listed on the site. It's free!"

Sask Agrisource is your link to Saskatchewan's agriculture value-added sector. It helps tell the story of Saskatchewan's agriculture and value-added industry. Listings include companies selling products and services, agricultural and scientific resources, business services, funding sources, and professional services. Learn more by visiting **saskagrisource.ca**.

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About Ag-West Bio:

Ag-West Bio is Saskatchewan's bioscience industry association. A catalyst for industry growth, the company's goal is to move research to market and grow biobusiness in the province. Ag-West Bio supports commercialization of technologies in the areas of sustainable crop production, value-added food processing, health, environment and bioproducts. The company aids strategic alliances, provides support for early-stage businesses, disseminates industry information, and hosts events to create connections and build community. Ag-West Bio is a not-for-profit, member-based organization. Funding is provided by the Government of Canada and Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture through the Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP).