# CREDIT RISK MITIGATION – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE INSURANCE





### Overview of Risk Management Product

Addressing Producer Payment Security for all Canadian Producers



- Market Power Assurance: MPA is Accounts Receivable Insurance.
  - Insurance against non-payables
  - Recovery Assurance of 90% of value of invoice
- The program is unique in North America, and around the world
- Sound Fiscal Policy



## What is Unique about It?

How MPA differs from other product offerings



- Available to individual farmers for any Commodity Produced
- Available to Food Processors and Seed Cleaners/Retailers
- Buyer Specific and Invoice Specific





- ➤ 10% deductible i.e. seller is assured of recovering at least 90% of the value of the sale
- Buyer bankruptcy
- > Buyer slow pay



## Key Features/Benefits

What differentiates it from other products



- New Buyers / New Markets
  - Attract a new buyer by offering 90 day terms, and know the money is good.
  - Look for higher-risk premium markets
- > You choose
  - Seller chooses which buyers to insure, and which not to insure.



# Key Features/Benefits cont'd

What differentiates it from other products



- Insure the first few sales until you gain confidence in the buyer.
- ➤ OR, confidently sell larger volumes to a buyer, instead of one load at a time, and waiting for payment before selling more.
- ➤ Bankability: Bankers look at insured receivables as collateral
- Make a sale and defer payment into the following year



# MPA and the Credit Risk Mitigation Program

How the project came about



- Two year Research and Development Program
- > Funded by Minister of Agriculture
- > Through Canadian Federation of Agriculture
- > AAFC Agri Risk Initiatives Program



### How the project came about?

Addressing Producer Payment Security for all Canadian Producers



- ➤ 2013 CFA risk assessment found producer payment security as a priority
- Repeat, significant instances of non or partial payment
- Members seeking tools to complement existing programs & fill gaps
- Environmental scan found limited offerings & awareness



# AgriRisk Credit Risk Mitigation Tool Summary





- CFA partnered with Farmers of North America to propose a accounts receivable insurance pilot:
  - Transaction-specific
  - All agricultural product sales are eligible, domestic or exported
  - Affordable premiums
  - Timely approval
  - Accommodating diverse market dynamics, across commodities
  - Complementing existing CGC and EDC programs



#### Building a Better Accounts Receivable Product

**Key Activities and Outcomes** 





A database to quickly assess and qualify buyers/transactions



Conducting market research across commodities with key stakeholders

# **Project Status**



- Working accounts receivable product available: <a href="http://securesellag.com/">http://securesellag.com/</a>
- Commercial database to expedite approvals
- Research website to engage key stakeholder: <a href="http://cfacrmp.ca/">http://cfacrmp.ca/</a>
- Information and education website: www.AgTrainingResource.com
- Engaged key partners to deliver the product
- Consulting with producers, industry associations for market research and understanding needs of different commodities





