

How much does the CWB cost me?

The quick most basic answer is in the CWB annual report. In 2008/09 the CWB's administrative expenses were \$79 million. That year, the CWB received 20.5 million tonnes from farmers. So it costs farmers \$3.85/tonne. If you sell 500 tonnes to the CWB, it costs you \$1925/year, if you sell 1000 tonnes that's \$3850/year. These are administrative costs only and do not include any handling, transportation or other impacts.

To whom is the Canadian Wheat Board accountable?

The CWB is governed by a 15-member Board of Directors, with 10 directors elected by western Canadian farmers and five appointed by the Government of Canada. This is why the CWB is often referred to as a "farmer-controlled" organization. The CWB is accountable to both farmers and to Parliament through the Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board. However, there is no formal policy development process in place through which farmers can directly influence CWB policy, as in the resolution process of cooperatives. Directors "must act in the best interests of the Corporation", according the CWB's Code of Conduct. Directors are not required to necessarily act in the best interests of farmers, particularly where the best interests of farmers demand the removal of CWB monopoly powers.