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**For Immediate Release****WHEELOCK TO JOIN CIPA REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

MANKATO, MN. – Greg Wheelock, owner, Crop Insurance Services (CIS), Mankato, MN, has been appointed to the national Crop Insurance Professional Association’s (CIPA) Regulatory Affairs committee. This committee is responsible for making recommendations to the CIPA board of directors on crop insurance issues related to the activity and responsibility of the Risk Management Agency (RMA), the Farm Service Agency (FSA), as well as other regulatory agencies. This includes issues related to the Standard Reinsurance Agreement (SRA), crop insurance program administration, policy enhancements, compliance and administrative topics, as well as how crop insurance integrates with other government programs.

Appointments to CIPA standing committees are made by the board of directors and terms are for two years. Wheelock said, “While serving on this committee I will use my experience in crop insurance, knowledge of Farm Bill programs, and farming background to help ensure that all farmers continue to have access to affordable risk management tools. Crop insurance and farm programs are complex. I take pride in helping USDA improve these programs for farmers nationwide, despite budgetary constraints, which is not an easy task.”

Wheelock has been involved in the crop insurance industry for over 25 years. He is an industry resource, often fielding questions from the U of M, lenders, educators, agents, and farmers on all areas of crop insurance. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and was raised on a dairy and crop farm in Waseca, Minnesota. He has actively farmed most of his life.

Crop Insurance Services of Mankato is one of the largest crop-only agencies in the Midwest. CIS helps producers develop effective risk management programs and is one of a few agencies in the nation that offers free GPS mapping for its clients.