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**Viterra and Ducks Unlimited - Significant Increase in Winter Wheat Acreage**

**REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN -- (April 3, 2008)** - Viterra Inc.(TSX:VT) and Ducks Unlimited Canada ("DUC") today announced a significant increase in seeded winter wheat acreage across the Prairies, with Saskatchewan nearly tripling the amount of winter wheat planted since Viterra and DUC first formed their partnership and established a winter wheat program in 2005.

Winter wheat growers who attended a one-day meeting held by Viterra and DUC learned that more than 1.5 million acres of winter wheat were seeded across Western Canada last fall, more than double the number of acres seeded at the time of the program's inception. In Saskatchewan, 600,000 acres were seeded to winter wheat last fall, a considerable increase from four years earlier.

"The increase in winter wheat acreage across the Prairies, and particularly in Saskatchewan, is impressive. It underscores the success of Viterra's partnership with Ducks Unlimited. Our program allows us to provide a crop alternative to our farm customers while contributing to an important conservation program and the sustainability of agriculture," said Doug Wonnacott, Senior Vice-President, Agri-Products.

Viterra works closely with winter wheat producers, assisting them with agronomic advice and offering programs and services that include improved winter wheat varieties, crop protection products, crop nutrients and marketing options.

"We are very pleased to continue our partnership with Viterra. Our program provides a winning proposition for everyone involved, and together we are making contributions that will support agriculture and wildlife habitat for generations to come," said Brent Kennedy, Saskatchewan Provincial Operations Manager, Ducks Unlimited Canada

Ducks Unlimited actively promotes the environmental and economical value of winter wheat to farmers and initiatives such as their incremental acreage program help create incentives for producers to include winter wheat in their crop rotations.

Viterra Inc. is Canada's leading agri-business, with extensive operations and distribution capabilities across Western Canada, and with operations in the United States and Japan. The new company is diversified into sales of crop input services and equipment, grain handling and marketing, livestock feed, agri-food processing and financial products. These operations are complemented by value-added businesses and strategic alliances, which allow Viterra to leverage its pivotal position between Prairie farmers and destination customers. The Company's common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol VT.

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## **BACKGROUND**

- Viterra and Ducks Unlimited forged their unique partnership in 2005 based on a shared vision to establish an environmentally responsible winter wheat planting program in Saskatchewan.
- Winter wheat protects wildlife habitats by encouraging the development of nesting for waterfowl. It also provides several benefits for producers, including:
  - Allowing for a crop to be seeded on land that was too wet to seed in the spring.
  - A more manageable workload at seeding time and harvest.
  - The potential to outperform spring wheat with lower input costs under optimal conditions.
- These benefits have made winter wheat an attractive option for growers across Saskatchewan. In 2004, winter wheat acreage was approximately 200,000, increasing to nearly 300,000 in 2005.
- In 2006, that number increased to well over 500,000 acres. Last fall an estimated 600,000 acres of winter wheat acres were planted in SK, triple the number of acres that were planted when Viterra and Ducks Unlimited first partnered.
- The program has since expanded to include some regions of Manitoba and Alberta with similar successes in those areas.