

Dear sir:

I have been a grain producer for most of my life. Producer cars are an important competitive component of the grain handling system. Without rail sidings to load producer cars, the producer's right to order a producer car becomes largely sterile. Given the high level of concentration in both grain handling and rail transport, the use of producer cars is essential to the farm community. I would therefore suggest that all further abandonments of rail sidings on the prairies be frozen.

Given the expectation that Canada will be forced to lower its green house gas emissions, it also seems prudent to keep the option of moving more of our export grain by rail for longer distances. Producer car loading sites can be an important component of this.

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