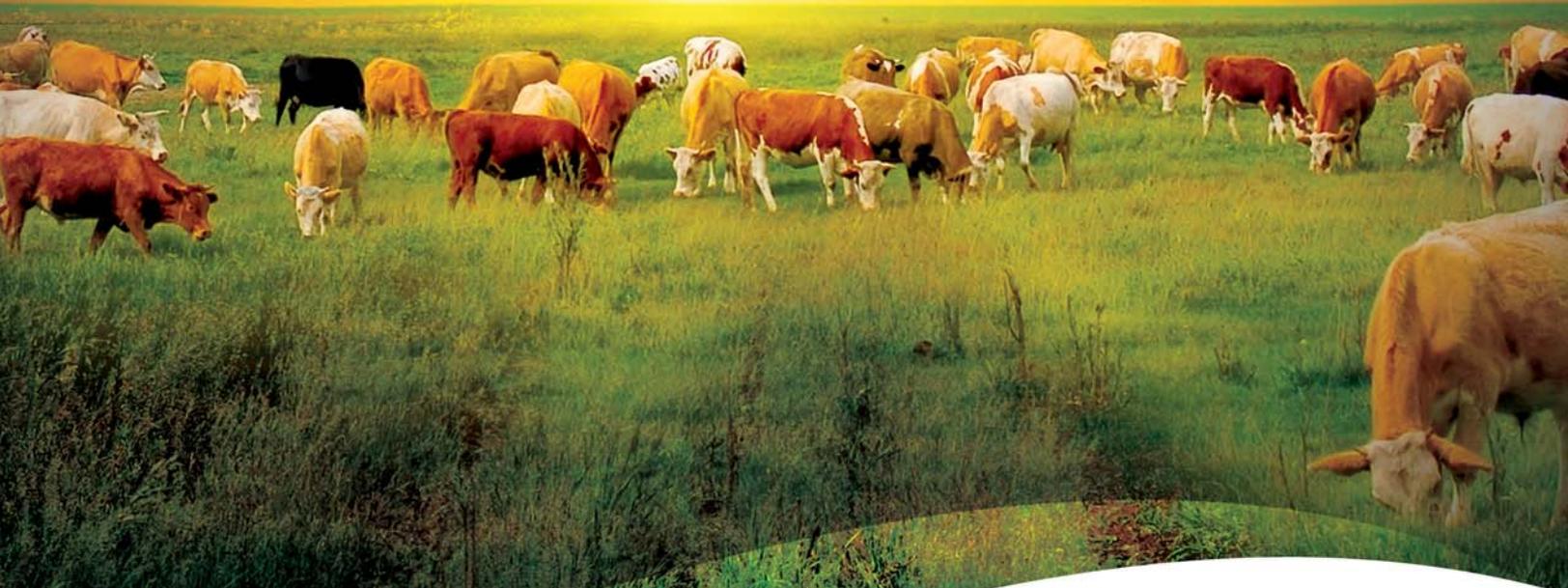




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Proposed St. Vital Transmission Complex

The Manitoba Hydro is currently undertaking public consultations on its proposed St. Vital Transmission Complex. **This is a different project than the controversial debate over the Bipole III transmission line.**

The project involves the construction of two 230-kilovolt transmission lines originating at the St. Vital Station in southeastern Winnipeg. One line will run south to the Letellier Station and the other will run to the La Verendrye Station.

The purpose of the project is to improve system reliability and to accommodate growth and demand for electricity in south-central Manitoba. **The proposed line will run through areas of livestock production. A map of the proposed routes can be seen [here](#).**

Manitoba Hydro held open houses on the project in Dominion City, Mitchell and Winnipeg and another is being held at the Oak Bluff Recreation Centre from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27. The purpose of the open houses is to seek public feedback on the proposed transmission line routes. This information will be used as part of Manitoba Hydro's environmental assessment and route selection process.

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) has also been consulted about the potential impacts of the transmission line on agriculture. MBP provided feedback on issues such as line placement and how this may interfere with farm infrastructure and use of farm equipment, create access issues or result in land being taken out of production.

MBP also addressed the issue of compensation. MBP would like to see an option for annual compensation payments as opposed to a lump sum payment if an agricultural operation is affected by the placement of the transmission line. Concerns related to biosecurity, particularly the potential to spread weeds or animal diseases, were raised as well. MBP believes both contractors and permanent Manitoba Hydro staff must be well versed in industry-specific biosecurity concerns during the construction of the line and as part of its ongoing maintenance. Additional open houses on the project will be held in October to discuss the preferred route for the line, potential route adjustments and possible measures to mitigate impacts of the transmission line. Dates and locations have not yet been announced.

For more information about the proposed project, [click here](#). If you have questions about the project, call Manitoba Hydro Licensing & Environmental Assessment at 1-877-343-1631 toll-free or 204-360-7888 in Winnipeg or email LEAprojects@hydro.mb.ca

Upcoming Events

Predators are a growing problem for beef producers in all parts of Manitoba. This fall, the Livestock Predation Protection Working Group will host six predator workshops across Manitoba. Workshops will take place in these locations (6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.):

Boissevain
Sept. 18
Beckoning Hills Activity Club

La Broquerie
Sept. 19
La Broquerie Hotel

Fisher Branch
Sept. 25
Ukrainian National Home

Rosburn
Sept. 26
Town Hall

Swan River
Oct. 2
Super 8

Ste. Rose du Lac
Oct. 3
Ste. Rose Jolly Club

For more information, please contact Manitoba Beef Producers at info@mbbeef.ca or 1-800-772-0458.

News from BCRC

Funding announced for
Beef Science Cluster under
Growing Forward 2



The Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC) welcomes the announcement by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) Minister Gerry Ritz of \$14 million in funding for the Beef Cattle Industry Science Cluster under Growing Forward 2. Joint industry and government commitments to the second Beef Science Cluster will total \$20 million, including \$5 million in funding from the research allocation of the National Check-off and direct investments by provincial governments and provincial beef industry groups. Funding will be directed to 26 research studies to be completed by March 31, 2018.

Also see the [CCA news release](#) and the [AAFC news release](#). **READ MORE HERE**

BCRC Article on Anthrax

Anthrax is a soil-borne disease that occurs sporadically in western Canada, especially after floods or during hot, dry weather. Ask your veterinarian whether vaccination is recommended. Anthrax is a reportable disease in Canada.

If anthrax is suspected,
DO notify your veterinarian
DO remove surviving animals from the pasture
DO try to prevent scavenging
DO NOT move dead animals
DO NOT call for deadstock pick-up
DO follow the veterinarian's instructions regarding deadstock disposal.

VIEW THE FULL ARTICLE [HERE](#).

ATTEND YOUR MBP DISTRICT MEETING

Meet with MBP representatives and fellow beef producers to discuss the timely beef issues affecting your district and industry. Elections will be held in even numbered districts.

	DIRECTOR	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS	
District 11	Caron Clarke	Oct-28	6 p.m.	Ashern Royal Canadian Legion	3 Main St. E, Ashern	Beef on a Bun served
District 2	Dave Koslowsky	Oct-29	6 p.m.	Cartwright-Mather Merry Makers Club	600 Broadway St., Cartwright	Beef on a Bun served
District 8	Glen Campbell*	Oct-30	7 p.m.	Gladstone District Community Centre	75, 5th St., Gladstone	Coffee Break
District 14	Stan Foster	Nov-01	6 p.m.	Durban Community Hall	612, 1st St. N, Durban	Beef on a Bun served
District 13	Ben Fox	Nov-04	7 p.m.	Gilbert Plains Royal Canadian Legion	19 Burrows Ave. N, Gilbert Plains	Coffee Break
District 10	Theresa Zuk	Nov-05	6 p.m.	Bifrost Community Centre	337 River Rd., Arborg	Beef on a Bun served
District 3	Cheryl McPherson	Nov-06	6 p.m.	Elm Creek Community Hall	70 Arena Rd., Elm Creek	Beef on a Bun served
District 6	Trevor Atchison*	Nov-07	6 p.m.	Oak Lake Royal Canadian Legion	291 Assiniboine St. W, Oak Lake	Beef on a Bun served
District 4	Heinz Reimer	Nov-08	6 p.m.	Ukrainian Home of Vita Hall	209 Main St. N, Vita	Beef on a Bun served
District 7	Larry Gerelus	Nov-18	6 p.m.	Shoal Lake Community Hall	315 The Drive, Shoal Lake	Beef on a Bun served
District 12	Bill Murray	Nov-12	6 p.m.	Westlake Community Hall	Hwy. 68, Eddystone	Beef on a Bun served
District 9	Vacant	Nov-13	6 p.m.	Sungro Centre	360 Veterans Ln., Beausejour	Beef on a Bun served
District 1	Ted Artz	Nov-14	6 p.m.	Medora Community Hall	40, 1st Ave., Medora	Beef on a Bun served
District 5	Ramona Blyth	Nov-15	6 p.m.	Carberry Memorial Hall	224, 2nd Ave., Carberry	Beef on a Bun served

*Director retiring

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