

PLAN TO ATTEND MBP'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is time to register for MBP's 35th Annual General Meeting!

Dates: February 4 to 5, 2014

Location: Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre, Brandon, MB

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) looks forward to meeting with its members at the upcoming 35th Annual General Meeting. Whether you are a beef producer or in the feedlot sector, this event is geared to you.

Book early to get your best value! The Early Bird deadline is Friday, January 3, 2014 at 4 p.m.

The AGM agenda is posted [here](#). Some of the sessions covering key topics for beef producers include:

- The Revised Beef Code of Practice: What Does it Mean for You?
- Resolutions
- Bruce Vincent, Libby, Montana: "With Vision, There Is Hope."
- Ag Advocacy as a business line item
- What Does Sustainability Mean for Our Social License and the Future of Beef Marketing and Production?
- Updates from National Organizations and TB Co-ordinator
- Verified Beef Production and Biosecurity Workshop (following AGM)

****REGISTER ONLINE!****



UPCOMING EVENTS

MBP CHRISTMAS HOURS:
Our office will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 23 at noon re-opening on Jan. 6. All age verifications must be submitted before Dec. 23.
Thank you.

Jan. 6-10: 2014 Beef and Forage Week Seminars, various locations. [Website](#)

Jan. 21-23: Manitoba Ag Days, Keystone Centre, Brandon [Website](#)

Feb. 4-5: Manitoba Beef Producers 35th Annual General Meeting and President's Banquet [Website](#)

BEEF ON GTOM

Watch MBP's Beef Expert Adriana Barros this Saturday on Great Tastes of Manitoba, CTV Winnipeg at 6:30 p.m.

The theme is Two-Bite Beef Appetizers!
Get the recipes [here](#).



WTO BALI PACKAGE

Canadian Cattlemen's Association News: A package of new multilateral rules and trade liberalization has been agreed to for the first time since the Uruguay Round agreements were brought into force and the World Trade Organization (WTO) was created in 1995. This "Bali Package" is so named because it was reached at the 9th WTO Ministerial Conference held in Bali, Indonesia.

The package contains a number of new agreements, including one on trade facilitation, another on disciplines in the administration of tariff rate quotas and another on elimination of export subsidies in agriculture. Trade facilitation will place new disciplines on customs procedures that can often restrict the international movement of goods. The CCA welcomes this as often the beef trade can be impacted by duplication of import inspections, paperwork, and onerous service and user fees, among other issues that would be governed by this package. The CCA is also aware of situations where administration of duty free quotas has become a barrier, so these are very positive developments.

The Bali Package gives a much needed boost to the WTO Doha Round of negotiations. Launched at the 4th WTO Ministerial Conference in 2001, the Doha Round has to date failed to produce any agreement at any of the Ministerial Conferences and in fact was declared deadlocked by Ministers in 2011.

[Read More](#)

[Making the Bali deal – What's behind it?](#)

[Reflections on Bali success](#)

IN THE NEWS

[Minister hints of more access to foreign workers \(MBP Quoted\)](#)

[Showing good animal care important \(MBP Editorial\)](#)

[Cash Advance Changes Part of New Ag Bill](#)

[Record cattle prices fail to spark herd rebuilding](#)

[AMM delegates want to take province to court](#)

[Canada-South Korea free trade agreement talks resume; may improve access to market for beef](#)

[Canada's appeal against COOL gaining U.S. support](#)



REMINDER: RESOLUTIONS FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING POSTED

The resolutions that have been proposed and carried at the MBP district meetings have been [posted online](#) and in the December issue of the *Cattle Country* newspaper to help ensure that beef producers in Manitoba are aware of the changes that have been proposed by members attending the district meetings.

It is important to draw attention to a number of resolutions that deal with the provincial check-off. If the members present at the AGM approve one of the resolutions that propose an increase in the check-off amount, the approved increase will come into effect July 1, 2014.

There are also resolutions dealing with the refundability of the provincial check-off. Changes to the refundability of the provincial check-off, such as those proposed in the following paragraphs, would also require amendments to the Cattle Producers Association Act and can not simply be realized by a vote of members at the AGM.

These resolutions will be voted on at the MBP Annual General Meeting, February 4-5, 2014 in Brandon. Please attend the meeting to vote.