



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MBP CHRISTMAS HOURS:**  
Our office will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 23 at noon re-opening on Jan. 6. 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 35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and President's Banquet [Website](#)

## EARLY BIRD DEADLINE FOR AGM

It is time to register for MBP's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting! The Early Bird deadline is Jan. 3. Save now and register for just \$75! The AGM will be held February 4 to 5, 2014, Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre, Brandon, MB. The AGM agenda is posted [here](#).

**\*\*REGISTER ONLINE!\*\***

## NEW INTAKE UNDER GF2 GROWING ASSURANCE - ENVIRONMENT

Producers have until Feb. 14, 2014 to apply for funding under the Growing Forward 2 Growing Assurance – Environment program. This program provides financial assistance to producers for adoption of targeted beneficial management practices (BMPs) that improve the environmental sustainability of their operations. Eligible applicants include individuals and partnerships or operations incorporated under federal and/or provincial laws.

Applicants must own, rent, lease, manage or otherwise control agricultural land used to produce agricultural products. They must also have a MAFRD premises identification number, an AccessManitoba client identification number and a valid Statement of Completion certificate for an Environmental Farm Plan to be eligible for agri-environmental cost share programs in Manitoba. Contact your local MAFRD office for help with these requirements.

For a list of specific BMP categories, eligible practices and the cost-shared funding levels [click here](#).

The maximum amount payable to one farm operation is \$125,000 for all agri-environment BMP categories in Manitoba (not including the manure treatment BMP) over the life of the programs.

## INTAKE UNDER ECOLOGICAL GOODS AND SERVICES PROGRAMMING

February 14, 2014 is also the deadline for Conservation Districts (CDs) wishing to apply for funding under the GF2 Growing Assurance – Ecological Goods and Services Program. This program provides financial assistance to local CDs to work with producers to implement beneficial management practices (BMPs) on farms to conserve and enhance ecological goods and services (EG&S) on the agricultural landscape.

This program will focus on water quality and provide other important environmental services derived from well-managed stocks of natural capital within the Lake Winnipeg Watershed. Targeted areas include: water retention structures, natural area maintenance and enhancement, wetland restoration and constructed wetlands, riparian area enhancement, buffer and grassed waterway establishment, perennial cover for sensitive land, and shelterbelt/tree establishment. For more program information, [click here](#).

## SHELLMOUTH DAM ARTIFICIAL FLOODING COMPENSATION PROGRAM DEADLINE

Producers who were artificially flooded due to the operations of the Shellmouth Dam in 2011 and 2012 are reminded that the deadline is approaching for the provincial compensation program.

The application deadline is February 6, 2014 for the Shellmouth Dam Artificial Flooding Compensation Program. To apply, [click here](#). This website contains a link to the Shellmouth Dam Compensation Regulation under *The Water Resources Administration Act*. The regulation explains the claimant's duties, along with details about compensation for property damage and economic loss. As well, it outlines the appeals process if the claimant is not satisfied with the compensation award.

## GF2 GROWING ADAPTATION PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND STORAGE

Under Growing Forward 2, Canada and Manitoba are partnering to fund a new program, [Growing Adaptation](#), which will help farmers and food processors build water infrastructure and prepare for situations where water storage will directly impact their businesses. The announcement of \$2.4 million in annual funding for five years was made December 20. The Growing Adaptation Program will fund strategic water infrastructure projects, as well as studies on water management. Examples of projects that will be supported under this new program are:

- Projects that support strategic rural mainline water pipeline and multi-user potable water storage infrastructure. For example, assisting a food-processing facility expansion get access to a mainline pipeline or increase local potable water storage.
- Well projects for multiple users. For example, helping a municipality that wants to build a well to provide non-potable water for agriculture producers during a drought.
- Studies on how to source potable water in rural Manitoba. For example, supporting a group of municipalities wanting to study how best to ensure there is enough water for livestock producers in the region.
- Studies on how to manage non-potable water, such as protecting farmland from regular flooding.

Further detailed information on the Growing Adaptation Program can be found online at [www.manitoba.ca/agriculture](http://www.manitoba.ca/agriculture) or by contacting the nearest Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Development GO office. In Manitoba, the federal and provincial governments are investing \$176 million over five years in the Growing Forward 2 program.