

MBP WELCOMES CANADA-KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

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Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) welcomes the announcement of a successful Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement.

“MBP applauds the successful conclusion of the free trade negotiations with South Korea,” said Heinz Reimer, MBP president. “Beef producers welcome the opportunities presented by this free trade agreement and we appreciate renewed access to compete in this important export market.”

Before BSE in 2003, Korea was Canada's fourth largest export market for beef at a value of \$40 million. Canadian beef exports to Korea only resumed in 2012 after Korea lifted its BSE prohibition. A tariff on fresh and frozen beef has prevented Canada from fully accessing the Korean market and Canada has also experienced a tariff disadvantage relative to U.S. beef.

Under the agreement, Korea's 40 per cent tariff on fresh and frozen beef will be fully eliminated in 15 equal annual steps. As well, the 18 per cent tariff on offals will be fully eliminated in 11 equal annual steps.

“MBP congratulates the Government of Canada on the successful conclusion of this process,” said Reimer. “We thank Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; and Hon. Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade, for their steadfast support of our industry.”

The free trade agreement with Korea will help maximize the value of each beef cut and return those dollars to Manitoba beef producers and put Canadian beef in a more competitive position.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

To March 15: Agriculture in the City, The Forks Market, Winnipeg, MB. [Website](#)

March 20: Prairie Improvement Network (formerly MRAC) Annual General Meeting, Canad Inns, Portage la Prairie, MB. [Website](#)

March 31-April 5: Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

April 10: Manitoba Ag Hall of Fame Annual General Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB. [Website](#)

April 24: Attend Agriculture in the Classroom - Manitoba's Annual General Meeting, Western Canada Aviation Museum, Winnipeg, MB. [Website](#)



Above: MBP's Tradeshow Spokesperson Karen Emilson welcomes visitors to our Ag in the City Backyard Barbeque booth at The Forks this week.



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AGRICULTURAL SAFETY WEEK RESOURCES

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week is held March 9-15, 2014.

Visit www.agsafetyweek.ca for information and tools to help you in your beef operation.

Watch this [Let's Talk About It! video](#) featuring a beef producer's story.



Hear from Ray Murphy, a livestock operator based out of Bonnyville, Alberta, who suffered a serious farm injury after an altercation with a bull in 2009. Ray shares his story in the hopes of raising awareness around the risks associated with handling large animals.

SAFE FARMS 7 STEP SAFETY AND HEALTH EMERGENCY PLANNING KIT

View the 7 Step Safety and Health Emergency Planning Kit [here](#).

Also visit SAFE Farms for safety tips. Topics include:

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FORAGE INSURANCE DEADLINE



The deadline for Forage Insurance is **Monday, March 31, 2014.**

This is the last day to apply for, cancel, or make changes (add or delete crops, change coverage levels) to Select Hay Insurance, Basic Hay Insurance and options.

Visit www.masc.mb.ca for more information.

NEW CCA AWARD

The Canadian Cattlemen's Association introduced a new award that recognizes innovation that supports industry competitiveness and sustainability.

The Beef Industry Innovation & Sustainability Award (BIISA) publicly recognizes industry stakeholders and value chain members for their outstanding commitment to the sustainability of Canada's beef industry through loyalty and innovation.

The CCA announced McDonald's Canada as the first recipient of the BIISA. [Read more](#)