

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING POSTED

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) held its 14 annual district meetings throughout the province in October and November. These meetings provided producer members with information about policies, issues and actions undertaken by MBP.



The resolutions that have been proposed and carried at the MBP district meetings have been [posted online](#) and they will appear 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 AG M 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.

Note that some districts have adopted similar resolutions. These may be combined for debate and voting purposes at the AGM. Some districts are not listed because they chose not to bring forward resolutions to the upcoming 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 2-3: Stop by the MBP booth at Flood to Famine: Managing Our Variable Environment, Manitoba Conservation Districts Association 38th Annual Conservation Conference, Keystone Centre, Brandon. [Website](#)

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

Jan. 8-9: St. Jean Farm Days, St. Jean Baptiste.

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](#)

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THE IMPORTANCE OF DEMONSTRATING GOOD ANIMAL CARE

BY CAM DAHL, MBP GENERAL MANAGER

Animal care issues in the Manitoba beef industry were in the news lately, with a guilty plea entered in a court case stemming from incidents in 2011.

The details of the case are horrific, with more than 60 cattle dead from starvation and an almost equal number found close to death. MBP deplors these actions. Those who abuse animals in this way should be subject to the full weight of the law.

I never want to hear of any case of neglect or abuse of cattle. Unfortunately, these cases, while they are rare exceptions, have occurred and will occur. Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) will not attempt to defend or explain away animal abuse. When incidents happen, the Chief Veterinarian's Office should take every measure to ensure that animals are protected and that those involved are held accountable for their actions.

These rare cases are not a demonstration of how beef cattle are raised in Manitoba. Individual cases like this should not tarnish the industry's strong reputation on animal care issues held by the vast majority of the 8,000 plus families raising beef cattle in Manitoba.

There is no beef producer I know who would defend these actions. The beef producers I work with on a daily basis care deeply about the welfare of the animals under their care. In fact, most producers have chosen to raise cattle because of the care they have for animals.

The public does not often see the care and attention that cattle producers give, on a daily basis, to their animals. Media outlets don't cover producers getting up at 4 a.m. in the middle of a blizzard to check their herd, or the efforts taken to help a calf that is born in the middle of a minus 40 night. Unfortunately, most members of the public only get exposure to beef production when the media covers unacceptable incidents that end up in court.

Beef producers need to communicate with the public to ensure that everyone understands that the court cases are rare exceptions that do not exemplify beef production in Manitoba. This is a key reason why the industry has developed a Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Beef Cattle. The code is an important tool for explaining our animal care practices to the public and public policy makers and demonstrating our practices to customers and our trading partners. [READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE](#)



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REMINDER: SURVEY FOR BEEF PRODUCERS

A survey is being conducted by Asper School of Business Insurance and Risk Management students at the University of Manitoba.

Your feedback is important to the team in researching the effectiveness of the agricultural Business Risk Management Programs offered in Canada.

This survey should only take about 5 minutes of your time. Your answers will be completely anonymous.

[Answer or view the survey here](#)