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## Manitoba Beef Producers Supports Decision to Halt Collection of MCEC Levy

Beef Producers in Manitoba applauded an announcement concerning the Manitoba Cattle Enhancement Council (MCEC) last week; the organization is winding down and ending collection of the levy.

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) supports the decision that will see the collection of the \$2 per head cattle enhancement levy end effective September 1, 2013.

"We support the recommendation of the Manitoba Cattle Enhancement Council to end the levy collection," said Trevor Atchison, MBP president. "Manitoba's beef producers have called for this decision through resolutions at our district meetings and annual general meetings and MBP has made this request known to the provincial government. It is time to close this chapter in Manitoba's beef sector and move forward on key priority issues."

"MBP is pleased with Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives Minister Ron Kostyshyn's clearly stated commitment to other initiatives that will benefit Manitoba's beef producers, including maintaining community pastures, work on trade issues like country of origin labeling (COOL), the development of insurance-based products aimed at the beef sector, and investments in research. These are key priorities for our members," added Atchison.

Atchison noted that "MBP continues to support the expansion of federally-inspected slaughter capacity in Manitoba provided there is a viable business plan."

Manitoba Beef Producers looks forward to a transparent and orderly wind down of the Manitoba Cattle Enhancement Council and a swift and clear indication of how producer monies remaining with that organization will be handled.

#### RELATED ITEMS:

[Manitoba Cattle Enhancement Levy to End](#)

Government of Manitoba Release

[Collection of Voluntary Cattle Enhancement Levy to End](#)

Manitoba Cattle Enhancement Council Release

## Upcoming Events

### PREDATOR WORKSHOPS

**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, contact MBP at [info@mbbeef.ca](mailto:info@mbbeef.ca) or 1-800-772-0458.

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DISTRICT MEETING  
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## Disaster Financial Assistance Program **Deadline: November 1, 2013**

Heavy rains that took place in Western Manitoba between June 21 and June 25 caused flood damage.

If you live in the rural municipalities of Albert, Arthur, Dauphin, Edward, Ethelbert, Gilbert Plains, Grandview, Lawrence, Pipestone, Rossburn, Ste. Rose, Wallace, Woodworth, the village of Winnipegosis, the town of Virden or the cities of Dauphin or Brandon, you may be eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) as a result of this rainfall.

DFA is generally available to help with the cost of:

- Preventing or limiting flood damage
- Repairs to damaged infrastructure
- Non-insurable damage to property such as principle residences and buildings essential to the operation of eligible farms and businesses
- Evacuation

**To find out more details about DFA eligibility or to obtain an application form, please contact the Emergency Measures Organization at:**

Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization  
8th Floor, 259 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg MB R3B 2A9  
Phone: 204-945-3050 in Winnipeg  
Toll free: 1-888-267-8298 in Manitoba  
Fax: 204-948-2278 in Winnipeg  
Email: [dfa@gov.mb.ca](mailto:dfa@gov.mb.ca)  
Website: [www.manitobaemo.ca](http://www.manitobaemo.ca)

**The deadline to apply is November 1, 2013.**

## Watch New Season of Great Tastes of Manitoba

The 24th season of Great Tastes of Manitoba begins this Saturday, September 7 on CTV!

Join host Ace Burpee and Manitoba's Commodity Group Food Experts for the most popular cooking show in the province.

If you need fresh new meal ideas for your family, watch Great Tastes on CTV, Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. Presented by Manitoba Liquor Marts.



Host Ace Burpee with MBP's Beef Expert Adriana Barros