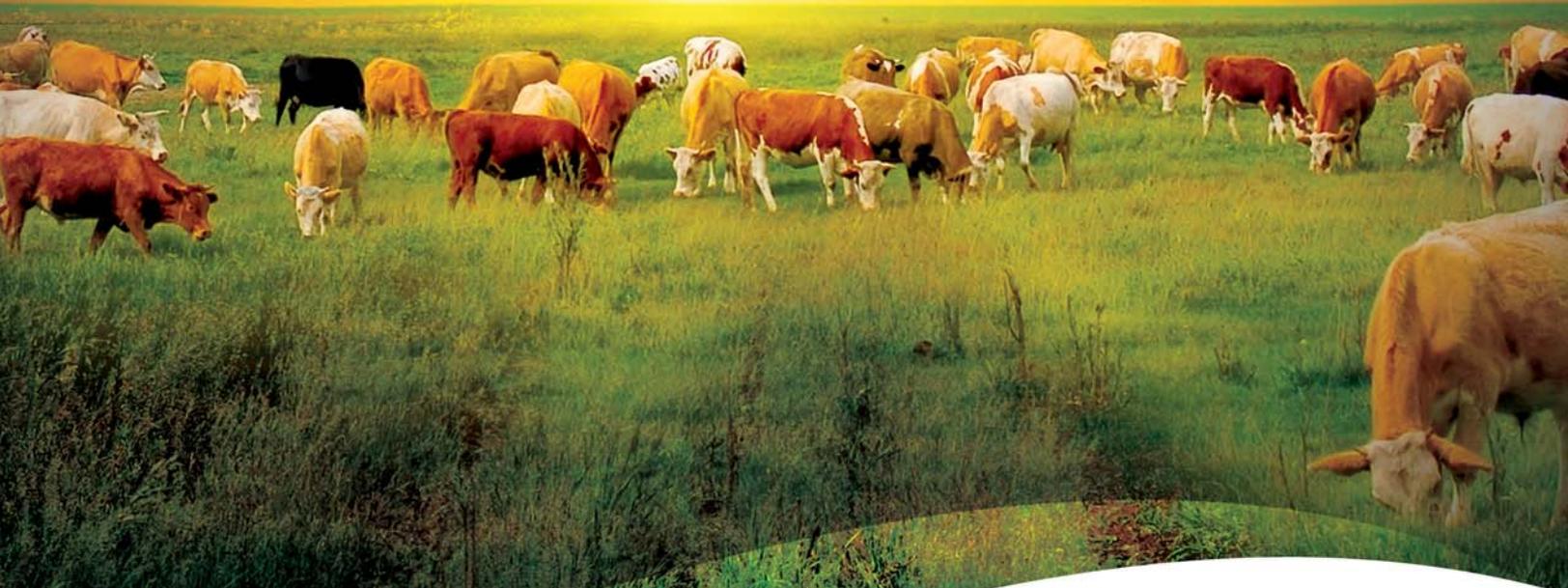




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## Producer Workshops on Biosecurity, BIXS and VBP

Manitoba Beef Producers is set to host a series of workshops that will be of interest to beef producers across the province.

The first of these half-day workshop events will be split into two sessions and they will focus on the Beef InfoXchange System (BIXS) and Verified Beef Production (VBP) or Biosecurity. Each session will begin at 1 p.m. and wrap up around 6 p.m.

The Biosecurity workshop will focus on helping beef producers prevent and mitigate diseases from entering or spreading to operations that contain livestock. The various tools and risk management practices that beef producers can apply to keep livestock healthy will be covered. Additional Biosecurity workshops will be held in 2012-2013.

MBP is partnering with the Canadian Cattlemen's Association to bring the BIXS workshop to Manitoba. BIXS is a national voluntary web-based database designed to capture and exchange data linked to an individual animal's unique electronic ID tag number, known as the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) tag or radio frequency identification (RFID) tag. BIXS will relay carcass yield and grade back to the primary producer.

Verified Beef Production (VBP) is Canada's verified on-farm food safety program for beef—a dynamic program to uphold consumer confidence in the products and good practices of this country's beef producers.

### Workshop Schedule:

**Wednesday, October 17:** Brandon, MB - Workshop on BIXS and VBP

**Thursday, October 18:** Ste. Rose du Lac, MB - Workshop on BIXS and VBP

**Friday, October 19:** Portage la Prairie, MB - Workshop on BIXS and Biosecurity

Producers are asked to register in advance. There is no fee to attend. To register, contact MBP at 1-800-772-0458 or [info@mbbeef.ca](mailto:info@mbbeef.ca).

### Upcoming Events



## SAVE THE DATES!

**MBP's 34th annual general meeting takes place February 7-8, 2013 at the Victoria Inn in Brandon, Man. Plan to attend! Email [info@mbbeef.ca](mailto:info@mbbeef.ca) for details.**

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## In the News

### New Growing Forward Agreement

AAFC Release

Federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Agriculture have reached agreement on the content of the Growing Forward 2 policy framework.

[Read more here.](#)

### Students Learn About Agriculture (\*MBP presented at the event)

By Kelvin Heppner, Golden West Radio



More than a thousand grade four and five students experienced different aspects of Manitoba agriculture as part of Agriculture in the Classroom's Amazing Agriculture Adventure this week. [Read more here.](#)

## ATTEND YOUR LOCAL MBP DISTRICT MEETING!

### 2012 SCHEDULE

District 1	Nov. 13 – Medora	District 8	Nov. 14 – Gladstone
District 2	Nov. 15 – Pilot Mound	District 9*	Nov. 7 – Stonewall
District 3	Nov. 2 – Carman	District 10	Nov. 6 – Arborg
District 4	Nov. 1 – Vita	District 11	Nov. 5 – Ashern
District 5	Nov. 8 – Carberry	District 12	Oct. 30 – Eddystone
District 6	Nov. 12 – Oak Lake	District 13*	Oct. 29 – Gilbert Plains
District 7*	Nov. 16 – Birtle	District 14	Nov. 9 – Durban

Elections will be held in ODD numbered districts. Contact MBP for more information at 204-772-4542.

\*Director retiring



## Bulls Needed for University of Manitoba Feed Efficiency Trial

The University of Manitoba is looking for **spring-born Angus bulls** to take part in a feed efficiency trial measured using residual feed intake (RFI). Bulls will be performance tested from approximately November to May. Producers will receive RFI values, average daily gain, feed intake and ultrasound measurements. The cost is \$55/head RFI fee plus partial feed costs.

For more information, call Sean at 204-365-0097 or [click here.](#)

