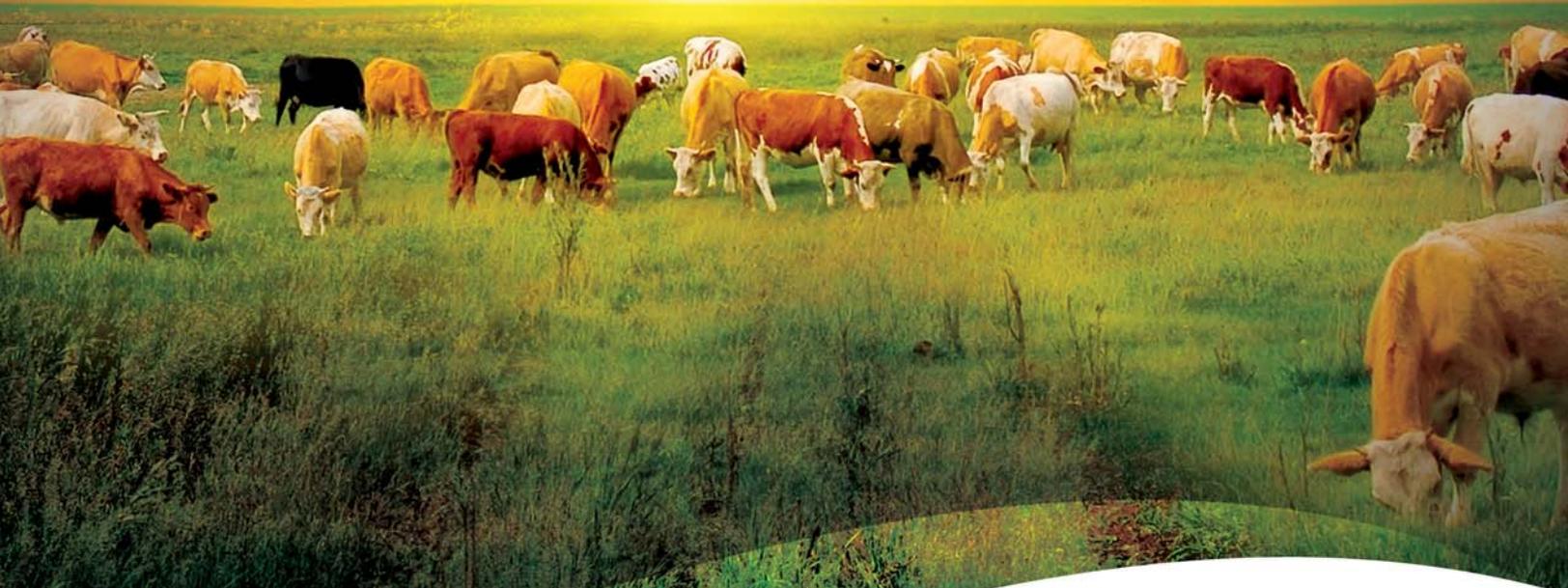




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## MBP Calls for Immediate Action on Flood Impacts

MBP has released a letter urging Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger to immediately address ongoing impacts of the 2011 flood.

MBP is lobbying on behalf of beef producers who are still facing the damaging effects of flooding last year. MBP calls attention to the fact that this flooding was, at least in part, a result of government decisions.



MBP is calling for the Premier to announce immediate Forage Shortfall and Transportation Assistance programs. These two programs have been used in the past to ensure producers can feed their cattle over the fall and winter.

“Producers desperately need the Forage Shortfall and Transportation Assistance programs this year,” said Ray Armbruster, MBP president. “They have carried their operations through the effects of BSE, U.S. trade barriers and closed international markets, but without these programs they may be forced to shut down their family farm operations. We are concerned that the drought south of the border is pulling hay out of the province. Action is required before any surplus hay is gone.”

MBP also calls for the delivery of assistance that was promised to address the flood damage caused in the spring of 2011. Funds which are to be delivered by the Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) need to be sent to producers in order for their operations to remain viable.

“We have been fighting for this compensation to flow since last year,” said Armbruster. “Many producers in all parts of the province, including those around flood-affected lakes, regions in southwestern Manitoba and within the Assiniboine watershed, are waiting for these promised funds to arrive.” **Continued on page 2**

### Upcoming Events

**Sept. 8:** Tune in to a brand new season of [Great Tastes of Manitoba](#) featuring Beef Expert Adriana Barros and new host Ace Burpee! Watch CTV at 6:30 p.m for the premiere.



## 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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## Flood impacts continued...

MBP also asks Premier Selinger for immediate assistance for flooded producers downstream of the Shellmouth Dam in the Assiniboine Valley. Flooding caused by the release of water from the Shellmouth Dam is becoming a chronic issue with significant losses to producers and the Manitoba economy.

Without immediate action from the Government of Manitoba, MBP stresses it will be impossible for producers to plan their future operations.

The full text of the letter is available at [www.mbbeef.ca](http://www.mbbeef.ca).

## Producers Can Help Shape Public Perception

Latest Commentary by Cam Dahl, MBP General Manager

I was on a plane to Calgary earlier this year and I could not help but overhear the conversation occurring in the seats behind me.

A Manitoban was expanding the problems with Lake Winnipeg to a visitor from the United States. The summary of the conversation is "it is all agriculture's fault."



[READ THE FULL COMMENTARY 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



### New BCRC Website

Check out the new Beef Cattle Research Council website [www.beefresearch.ca](http://www.beefresearch.ca)!

The BCRC is committed to funding leading-edge research to position the Canadian beef cattle industry as a global leader in beef quality, animal health, food safety and environmental stewardship.