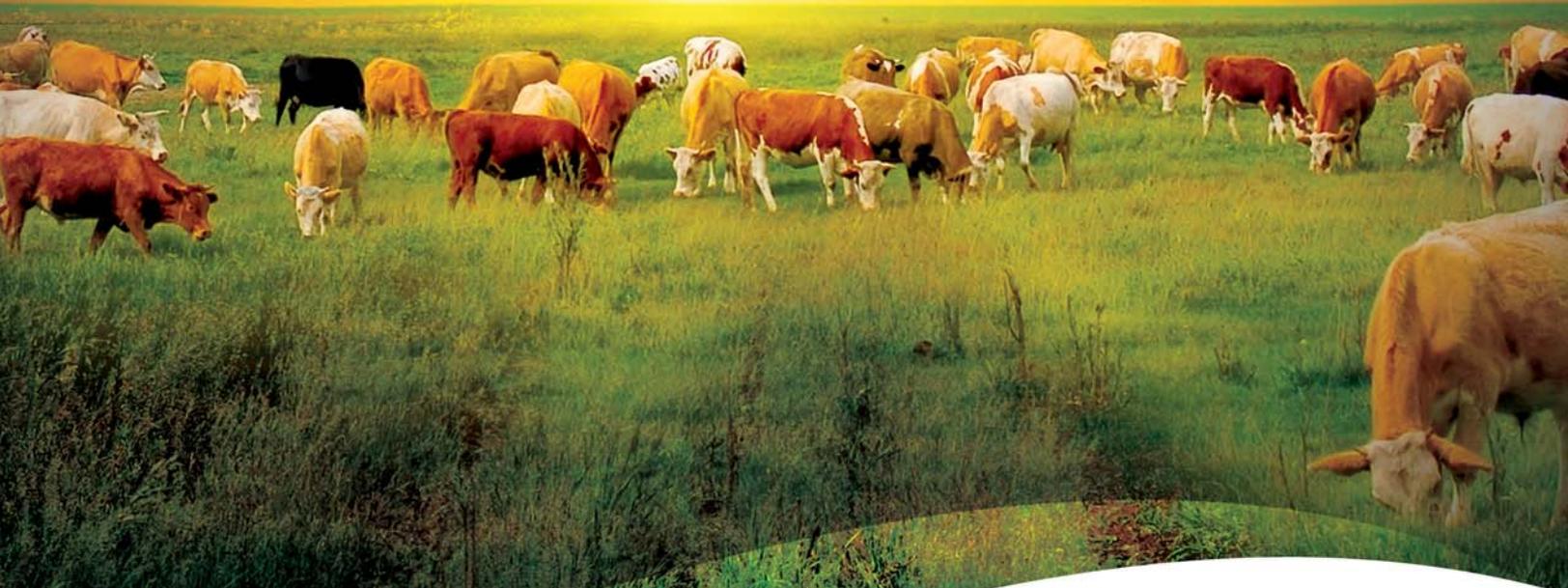




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MBP on Community Pastures Transition

MBP News Release

Today's announcement by the Government of Canada outlined the first five community pastures in Manitoba which will be transitioned away from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) administration. The five pastures are Westbourne, Lakeview, Gardenton, Pansy and Sylvan Dale.

"MBP appreciates the clarification that the current administration will remain in place through the 2013 grazing season," said Ray Armbruster, MBP president. "Beginning the transition after the 2013 grazing season was a specific request of producers and this will give adequate time to develop and implement an alternative administrative structure."

In recent months, MBP called together the chairs of the Patron Advisory Committees (PAC) from each pasture. A steering committee of PAC chairs and MBP directors has been nominated by this group to lead the development of an alternative producer led structure to administer community pastures in Manitoba.

"We are confident the new administrative structure, led by producers, will be in place to facilitate an orderly transfer of these first five pastures to transition away from federal administration," said Barry Lowes, chair of the Steering Committee and chair of the Producer Advisory Committee for Ellice-Archie.

"The model being developed by the Steering Committee will be used to administer all of the pastures as they transfer from AAFC administration," noted Armbruster. "MBP emphasizes that as governments make changes to the community pasture program measures must be taken to ensure that current agricultural land use does not change and that these pastures remain available to beef producers in Manitoba."

MBP will continue to work with the Governments of Manitoba, Canada and municipalities in order to ensure a sustainable community pasture program in Manitoba. **Continued on page 2**

Upcoming Events

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

September 11-13: AITC-M [Amazing Agriculture Adventure](#). AAA is a hands-on, interactive ag event geared to the Grades 4 and 5 Science curriculum. Volunteers are still needed! If you are interested in volunteering please [email AITC](#).

Trust Fund Donations

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Major Jay Fox to a trust fund for his children Devon, Charlee, Porter and Major. Donations may be made at any branch of TD Canada Trust.

Community Pastures continued...

Community pastures are a 75-year conservation legacy demonstrating practical resource management while providing and conserving natural habitat for wildlife. The use of this land by beef producers provides economic returns to Manitoba's economy while providing environmental benefits to all citizens—as do all well managed grazing lands.

Agriculture More Than Ever

[Agriculture More Than Ever](#) is a multi-channel, multi-year industry initiative that asks those involved in the industry to champion agriculture. It is about engaging in more frequent discussion regarding what is going well within the industry, filling in information gaps, responding to misguided perceptions and sharing success stories about the industry, online and offline.

MBP supports Agriculture More Than Ever and hopes you will get involved!

[Watch the video: Ray Armbruster – I've Been a Beef Producer All of My Life.](#)

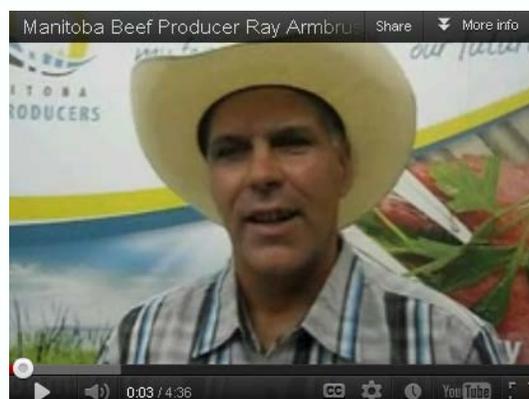
About the video: Ray Armbruster, beef producer and Manitoba Beef Producers President, tells us why he enjoys raising cattle and how ranchers contribute to their communities. He also talks about what he does on his farm to protect the environment and what the future may bring for his family and operation. Visit www.agriculturemorethanever.ca for more stories about Canadian agriculture—told by the people who live it every day.

ATTEND YOUR MBP DISTRICT MEETING

*Note: Meetings will be held
at the end of October and in
November.*

Schedule coming soon.

See you there!



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