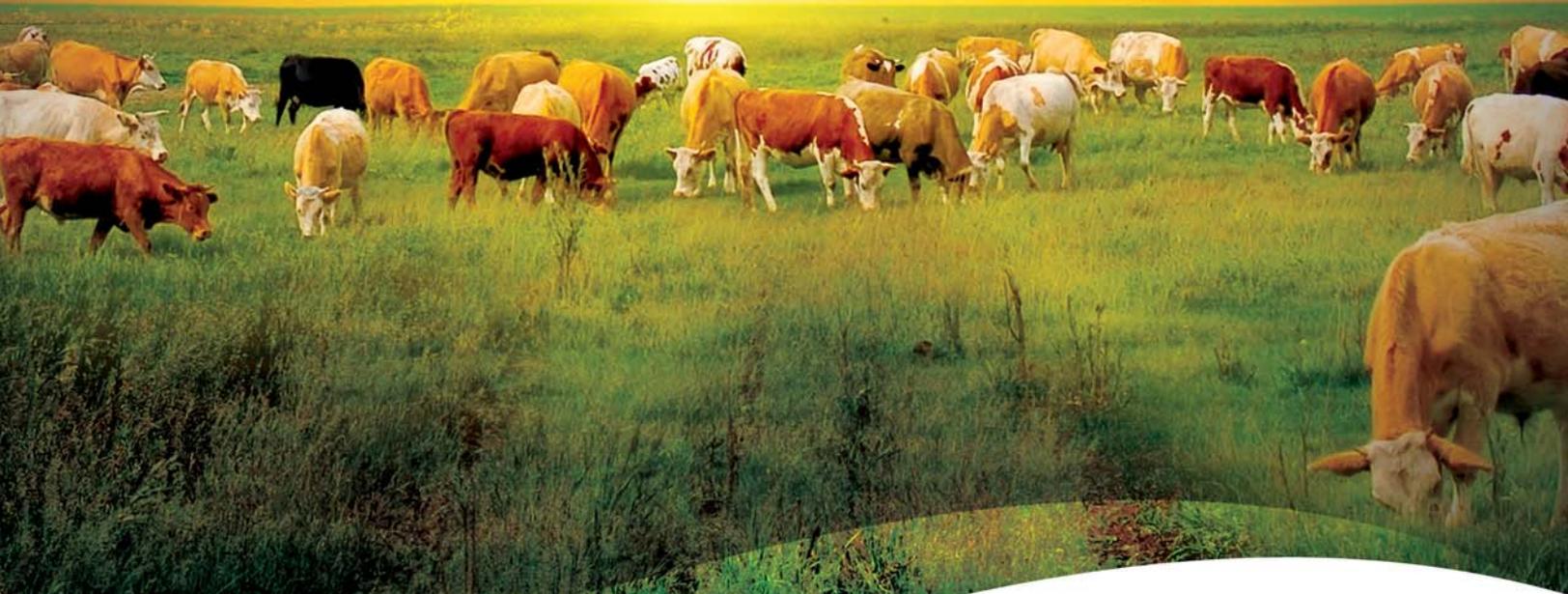




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MBP Welcomes Canada's Participation in Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Talks

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) welcomes the announcement that Canada will be participating in the negotiations for a Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). The TPP seeks to enhance economic growth among participating countries and it could provide an opportunity for the beef industry to further strengthen its export markets.

"Manitoba Beef Producers supports the TPP partnership and the removal of trade barriers, both tariff and non-tariff, for the growth of Canadian beef export markets," said Ray Armbruster, MBP president.

Canada joins the United States, Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, Vietnam, and Mexico at the table, with Japan also expressing interest to join in the TPP negotiations. Manitoba Beef Producers emphasizes the importance of eliminating import tariffs. Countries must follow the science-based guidelines established by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), and MBP encourages the TPP countries to remove those tariffs on Canadian beef and beef products.

"Open trade strengthens the industry as a whole creating opportunity for renewal and growth," said Armbruster. "We believe there is significant room to expand our beef trade because the high quality of our product meets the needs of those customers. Barrier-free trade would create a level playing field with our international competitors. I know we can compete on quality."

Through Canada's participation on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, there is an opportunity to strengthen relationships with importing countries. The beef industry depends on trade and open access, and eliminating these tariff barriers through partnerships like the TPP will increase the competitiveness of our products and decrease the cost of exporting Canadian beef.



Upcoming Events

To June 24: New! [Cattle Tales](#) at *Touch the Farm*, Red River Exhibition.

July 12: The Cattlemen's Best Ball Golf Tournament, Oak Island Resort. Proceeds after expenses are in support of the Major Jay Fox and Sheldon Nicholson Family trust funds. To enter, call 204-748-3775.

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.

Manitoba Beef Producers Will Continue to Fight for Community Pastures

By Lauren Stone, MBP Policy Analyst

Over the next six years, Manitoba will start to see the transition of its 21 community pastures away from the current Agri-Environment Services Branch (AESB) administration under the federal government.

This move brings many questions. What does this mean for the patrons who use the community pastures and for those employed through pasture management? What does this mean overall for the beef sector in Manitoba?

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) is searching for answers to these and many other questions.

We know that grazing offers environmental, economic and social benefits. Through the use of grazing on land unsuited to grain and oilseed production—land that would otherwise remain agriculturally inactive—the community pastures program has the opportunity to provide benefits to the province as a whole.

This 75-year conservation legacy demonstrates practical resource management providing natural habitat to animals, birds and other wildlife. Community pastures are important for carbon sequestration, water quality and helping to limit the spread of invasive species.

The use of this land by beef producers returns an economic incentive to Manitoba's economy, while also being available as a risk management tool for young and smaller-scale producers.

[Click to read the full article in *Cattle Country*, Page 6 **](#)**

Second Beef Code of Practice Survey



Beef producers have another opportunity to provide input into the redevelopment of the beef cattle Code of Practice by participating in a new online survey on routine management practices such as animal identification (branding), dehorning, and castration.

To complete this confidential 10-minute survey, go to <http://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/beef-cattle> and click on surveys.

More information on the Code development process and progress on the various Codes under development is available from [NFACC's website](#).

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