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## Important Survey on Beef Cattle Code of Practice

Beef cattle owners are encouraged to provide their input into the redevelopment of Canada's Beef Cattle Code of Practice through an online survey.

The National Farm Animal Care Council is conducting the survey to gain stakeholder insights on the Code of Practice, and views on the care and handling of beef cattle.

Your participation is important. To complete this confidential 10-minute survey, go to [www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/beef-cattle](http://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/beef-cattle) and click on survey. If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact MBP at 1-800-772-0458.



### Codes of Practice

The Codes of Practice are nationally developed guidelines for the care and handling of different species of farm animals. Codes are not intended to be used as production manuals; instead, the Codes are designed to be used as an educational tool in the promotion of acceptable management and welfare practices. The Codes contain recommendations to assist farmers and others in the agriculture and food sector to compare and improve their own management practices.

### Code Development Progress

Revisions to the Code of Practice for Beef Cattle, using the [NFACC Code development process](#), are slated for completion in spring 2013.

### Priority Welfare Issues List

The priority welfare issues are species specific and manageable topics that are considered to be important for animal welfare and will particularly benefit from a review of the available scientific literature. Read the detailed list of Priority Welfare Issues [here](#).

### Upcoming Events

**May 23:** Dr. Temple Grandin speaking on *Animal Welfare: The Right Thing to Do*, Brandon, MB. Sold Out.

**May 27 to 29:** Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association's 99th [Convention and Annual General Meeting](#), Cypress Hills Inter-provincial Park.

**June 15 to 24:** New! [Cattle Tales](#) at *Touch the Farm*, Red River Exhibition.

### 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.

### BIXS Provider

MBP is a [Third Party Service Provider](#) for the [Beef InfoXchange System](#) (BIXS). MBP will provide workshops on the system in the near future. Contact MBP for information on upcoming learning workshops at [info@mbbeef.ca](mailto:info@mbbeef.ca).



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## Dr. Temple Grandin to Speak to Producers and Public

One of the most celebrated animal advocates in the world who has worked to improve every segment of beef production in North America will be speaking in Brandon this month.

Her name is Dr. Temple Grandin, and she will discuss the topic *Animal Welfare: The Right Thing to Do*. The group bringing her here includes stakeholders from the agriculture sector in Manitoba including livestock commodity associations, brokers, transporters, production facilities, as well as government.

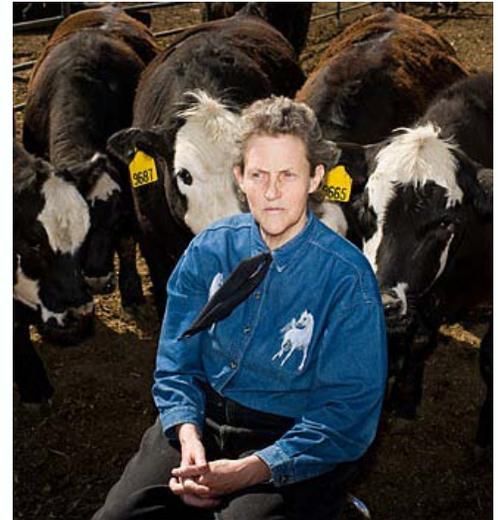
Grandin is a professor of animal science at Colorado State University and an animal welfare specialist. She works to reshape livestock handling systems and help the beef industry embrace animal welfare practices. Whether you are using equipment she designed or one of her low-stress livestock handling techniques, she has probably touched your operation in some way.

Grandin is also world-renowned as an inspiration to people with autism. In numerous interviews, she has said that autism has allowed her to “see” things in a way that is similar to how animals think because her mind works very visually.

And like animals, she is also highly sensitive to sensory stimulants. Her understanding of animals is in the results she has shown through her research and designs related to livestock handling.

She is the designer of a centre track restrainer system for processing plants, which is used in about half of all cattle processing facilities in Canada and the U.S., and her curved chute systems are used worldwide. Grandin’s insight on the flight zone and other principles of grazing animal behaviour has helped producers reduce animal stress during handling. She also designed an objective scoring system for assessing handling and stunning of cattle at processing plants. Many large corporations use this system to improve animal care.

During her career, she has received considerable recognition for her work to improve humane handling of livestock, as well as a spot on *Time Magazine’s* list of *The 100 most influential people in the world*. Her life story was even featured in the HBO movie *Temple Grandin*, a winner of seven Emmy awards and a Golden Globe.



Dr. Temple Grandin

Almost 700 producers, agricultural stakeholders, and rural and urban consumers have signed up for the sold-out May 23 event. We hope Dr. Grandin’s insight at this event will be a positive step to help partners in the value chain move our livestock sector forward on animal welfare.

*Animal Welfare: The Right Thing to Do* is presented by the following sponsors (listed alphabetically): HyLife Ltd., Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives, Manitoba Beef Producers, Manitoba Pork Council, Maple Leaf Foods, Quintaine Livestock, and Steve’s Livestock Transport.