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## Remembering our Friend: Major Jay Fox

Manitoba Beef Producers is deeply saddened that on Dec. 23, 2011, Major Jay Fox passed away at the age of 32 years. Jay served two terms as President of Manitoba Beef Producers in 2010 and 2011, one term as Second Vice President in 2009, and six years as District 12 Director.

*MBP will print a tribute to Jay in the February 2012 issue of Cattle Country.*

We extend our deepest condolences and support to Jay's family and friends at this sad time.



Services for Jay were held on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011 in Eddystone, Manitoba and on Friday, Dec. 30, 2011 in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan.

Jay is survived by his loving wife Angie; his children: Devon, Charlee, Porter and Major; his parents: Lyal and Virginia Fox; his brothers: Lyal II (Rose) and their children: Peter, Spencer, and Isaiah; Jon (Shelly) and their children: Tyra, Jon, Jim Bob and Jorja; Stirling (Sheena) and their children: Bexson and Broker; Ben (Linda) and their children: Emma, Sutherland, and Benjamin; his sister: AJ (David); his grandmas: Molly Fox and Mildred Ellis; his parents-in-law: Andy and Marilyn Russett; his brothers-in-law: Randy (Nicole) Russet and their children: Keagan, Heidi and Camryn; Clinton (Carrie) and their children: Jared, Alyssa, and Bailey; his sister-in-law: Darlynn (Corey) and their children: Ashton, Brody, and Skylar; Angie's grandma: Florence Hamel; his special friends: Gina, Kate, Wade and Lindsay Cole. Jay was predeceased by his grandfathers: Arthur Millington and Jonathan Fox; his uncle Charlie Bob Fox and his special friends Glen Cole and Jim Mantler.

*Should friends so desire, memorial donations may be made in memory of Jay to a trust fund for his children Devon, Charlee, Porter and Major. Donations may be made at any branch of TD Canada Trust.*

### Subscribe to Cattle Country

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### Upcoming Events

#### Manitoba Beef and Forage Days

-Locations across Manitoba

Jan. 9: Vita

Jan. 10: Eriksdale

Jan. 11: Ste. Rose du Lac

Jan. 12: Holland

Jan. 13: Teulon

[Read event agendas](#)

#### CCA Town Hall Meeting Feb. 9

-Pipestone Community Hall  
Session from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

followed by a complimentary meal. RSVP at

[www.cattle.ca/townhall](http://www.cattle.ca/townhall)

or 403-275-8558.

## Meet MBP at Manitoba Ag Days

Planning to attend Manitoba Ag Days between Jan. 17 and 19, 2012? MBP invites you to stop by our booth to discuss issues that affect your operation, get information on our initiatives, and enter our draw for a Brandon Wheat Kings Stay and Play Package for a family of four.

The MBP booth will be located in the Westman Place Concourse at the Keystone Centre. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jan. 18 is Beef Day at Ag Days and MBP General Manager Cam Dahl will present *Talking to Urbanites*. Take in this session on MBP initiatives and bridging the urban/rural divide in Theatre 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Manitoba Ag Days is a free exposition of agricultural production expertise, technology, and equipment.

Admission and parking are free. Manitoba Ag Days is where the ag year begins! For more information, visit [www.agdays.com](http://www.agdays.com).

### Free Manitoba Trapper Education Course

Register today! **Course dates: January 13 to 15, 2012.** All first time trappers are required to complete the Manitoba Trapper Education Course in order to be eligible to acquire a trapping license.

Location: Royal Canadian Legion, Virden, MB. There is no fee to attend or obtain a certificate. Lunch will be provided.

To register, call the West Souris River Conservation District at 204-877-3020.

### Participate in Shelterbelt Survey

Trees provide numerous and substantial benefits to crop and cattle production. So why are more landowners not planting trees? This is the question the Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District and Rural Development Institute (RDI) of Brandon University are asking producers.

#### Short survey

RDI invites beef producers in Manitoba to volunteer to participate in its 5 to 10 minute baseline survey that investigates their current and prevailing interest and awareness of shelterbelts for beef production and other uses.

#### The project

The project being conducted along with this survey aims to demonstrate environmentally responsible practices for reducing greenhouse gas emissions while simultaneously reducing livestock production costs. Please see the [project factsheet](#) for more information.

#### Sign up today!

If you are a beef producer in Manitoba and you would like to participate in this short survey, please review the [cover letter](#) and contact Research Assistant Ian Shanghvi, B.A. (Hons) at 204-571-8551 or [Shanghvi@brandonu.ca](mailto:Shanghvi@brandonu.ca).

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