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Bovine TB Fight Boosted in RMEA

WINNIPEG – Manitoba Beef Producers and Manitoba Wildlife Federation welcome the Government of Manitoba's effort to move closer to the goal of eradicating bovine tuberculosis in the province through changes to the white-tailed deer season around the Riding Mountain Eradication Area (RMEA).

The extension of the white-tailed deer season in the Western Control Zone and increase in the number of tags available are vitally important in order to obtain enough samples to conduct a science-based approach to the control and eradication of bovine tuberculosis. The Western Control Zone includes those portions of Game Hunting Areas 23 and 23A within the Rural Municipalities of Grandview and Rossburn. A map can be found [here](#).

"These changes acknowledge that bovine tuberculosis poses a significant problem to both wildlife and agriculture and we appreciate that Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship has taken this step to help meet the mandate of the RMEA," said Ray Armbruster, Manitoba Beef Producers president.

"Manitoba Wildlife Federation and Manitoba Beef Producers have worked together to assist Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship in its sampling efforts and we appreciate the common efforts between government, producers and the public to move this issue forward," said Reid Woods, Manitoba Wildlife Federation president.

Manitoba Beef Producers and Manitoba Wildlife Federation thank Hon. Gord Mackintosh, Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship, for his involvement on the bovine tuberculosis file to add progress to the issue.

Manitoba Beef Producers and Manitoba Wildlife Federation will continue to work collaboratively with governments and other stakeholders to eliminate the ongoing presence of bovine tuberculosis in the RMEA.

Manitoba Beef Producers is the exclusive voice of the beef industry in Manitoba. Its role and mission is to represent beef producers through communication, research, advocacy and education. Manitoba Beef Producers represents 8,000 beef producers across the province. Website: www.mbbeef.ca

Established in 1944, Manitoba Wildlife Federation is the province's oldest and largest conservation organization. Through advocacy, education and conservation programs, the federation is working to ensure healthy fish and wildlife populations in Manitoba. Website: www.mwf.mb.ca

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