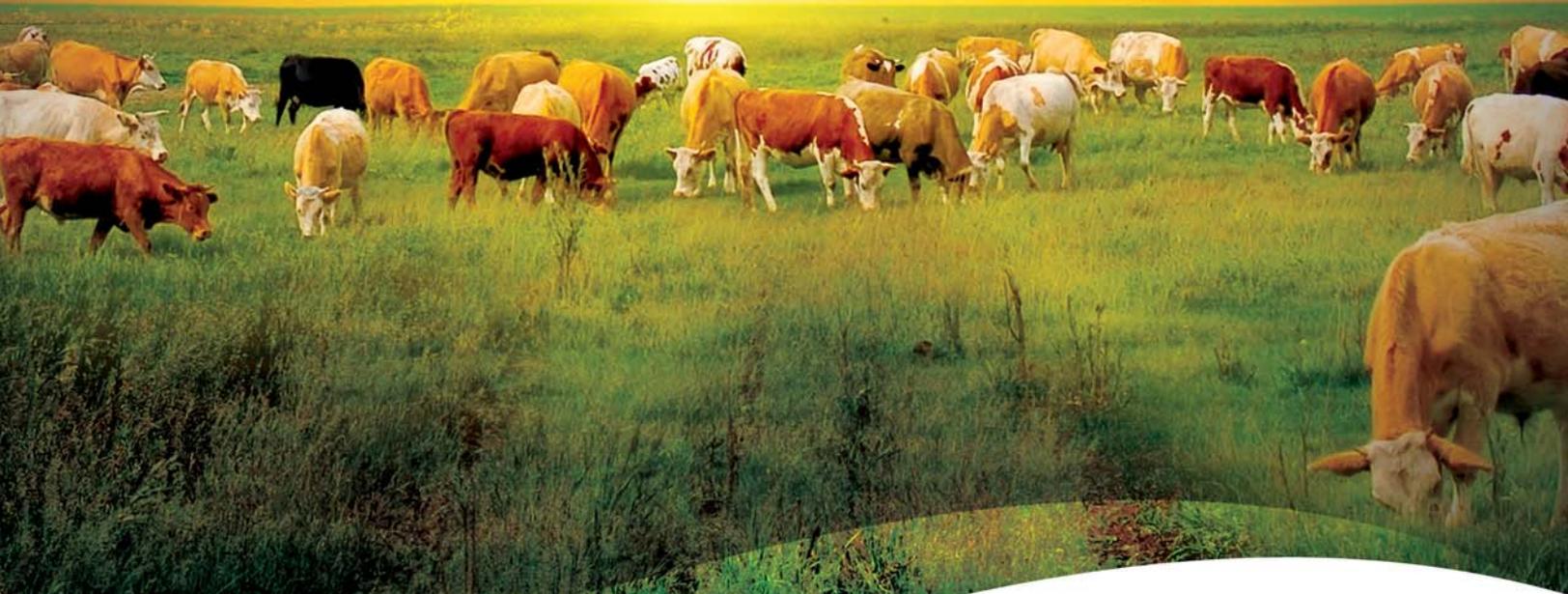




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## Attend Producer Workshops Jan. 22 to 24

Manitoba Beef Producers will host three workshops on the Beef InfoXchange System (BIXS), Biosecurity and Verified Beef Production from Jan. 22-24, 2013.

The BIXS system allows producers to retrieve yield and grade data when animals from their operation eventually move to slaughter. BIXS will prove to be valuable to producers for marketing purposes and for fine tuning their breeding programs. Verified Beef Production (VBP) is Canada's verified on-farm food safety program for beef, a dynamic program to uphold consumer confidence in the products and good practices of this country's beef producers. The biosecurity workshop walks producers through the steps that they can take to increase biosecurity for their operation, thereby reducing the risk of disease spread to their herd from outside sources as well as reduce the spread of disease within their herd. The workshop is based on the national biosecurity standard released by the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. The program has been put together by MBP to fit production in Manitoba. **Please call MBP at 1-800-772-0458 to register.**

## Meet MBP at Manitoba Ag Days



Meet with Manitoba Beef Producers at Manitoba Ag Days, where the Ag year begins!

## Visit the MBP booth #1702 in Barn 3!

Manitoba Ag Days is a free expo of agricultural production expertise, technology, and equipment that attracts exhibitors and visitors from across Canada and North Central United States. Featuring over 500 exhibits, the Inventors Showcase and much more. For full agenda information and more visit [www.agdays.com](http://www.agdays.com).

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February 7-8, Brandon

### Upcoming Events

**Jan. 15-17:** Manitoba Ag Days, Keystone Centre, Brandon.  
[agdays.com](http://agdays.com)

**January 22:** Workshops on the Beef InfoXchange System (BIXS), Biosecurity and Verified Beef Production, Swan River - MAFRI GO Centre. 1pm-5:30pm

**January 23:** Workshops on the Beef InfoXchange System (BIXS), Biosecurity and Verified Beef Production, Dauphin – Watson Art Centre. 1pm-5:30pm

**January 24:** Workshops on the Beef InfoXchange System (BIXS), Biosecurity and Verified Beef Production, Russell – Russell Inn. 1pm-5:30pm

**Feb. 7-8:** MBP AGM, Victoria Inn, Brandon. [mbbeef.ca](http://mbbeef.ca)

## JBS Canada News

Manitoba Beef Producers welcomes the announcement that JBS Food Canada will complete the transaction to purchase assets of XL Foods Inc., effective Monday.

The announcement marks the official entry of global processor JBS S.A. into Canada and comes three months after its wholly owned subsidiary, JBS USA, took over management of the XL processing facility in Brooks, AB. JBS will also acquire other XL Canadian properties consisting of a beef packing plant in Calgary, AB.; a feedlot in Brooks, AB., and the adjacent farmland acreage supporting the feedlot operation. JBS USA has the exclusive option to purchase the U.S. operations of XL Foods. [Read more here](#)

## Expanding Beef Export Capacity to China

Increased market access is good for all beef producers and this week the Government of Canada announced opening of markets in Asia.



Read more:

[Canada Expands Capacity to Export Beef to China](#)  
[CCA pleased with additional export capacity to China](#)

## Manitoba Trappers Association Problem Predator Removal Services

**Background:** Manitoba livestock producers lose a number of animals annually to predators such as coyotes and wolves. To assist producers in dealing with their losses, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship has enlisted the co-operation of the Manitoba Trappers Association (MTA) to provide services to remove problem predators. MTA members have the experience to deliver an efficient and effective service that will benefit livestock producers.

**Program Operation:** Livestock producers who have experienced loss of livestock to predators may register a claim with the nearest Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC) insurance office. Producers can request the services of MTA at no cost, and MASC will provide the claimant with a claim number. The claimant may then contact MTA in Lac du Bonnet (1-204-345-9107) for assistance in dealing with the predator problem. Following a report of a predator occurrence, MTA will assign a trapper to deal with the problem. Since funding is limited, trappers are limited to 24 hours to deal with a specific claim. The trapper will investigate the problem and utilize humane methods to remove the problem animal(s). In some cases, the period of time may be extended to effectively deal with a particular situation. Producers will also be provided with information that will minimize the potential for future predator problems.

**Producer Responsibility:** Producers participating in the project will be required to sign a "Waiver of Liability" releasing the trapper and MTA from damage to property or livestock that may occur during the time the problem is being addressed, and be required to keep livestock and pets controlled at all times when sets are placed on their property. Producers will be expected to implement suggested prevention measures and follow good livestock husbandry practices to minimize predation. Failure to accept these responsibilities may result in the producer being denied additional control services.

**Where to Apply:** Producers experiencing losses to predators can contact their nearest MASC insurance office to register a compensation claim and to acquire a claim number to deal with the problem predator(s). The insurance office will advise the producer about the program and have the producer contact MTA if problem predator removal assistance is required.