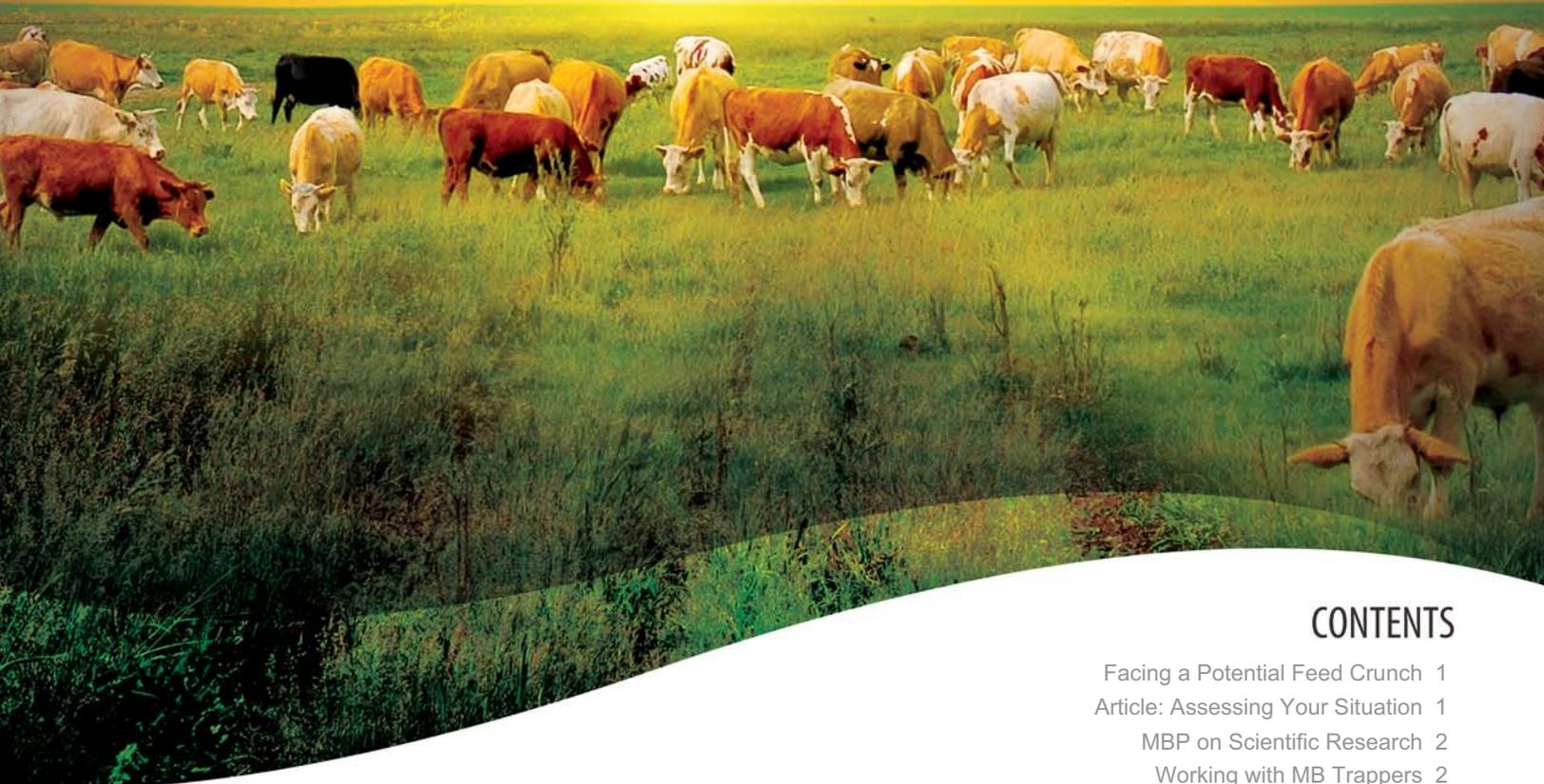




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# NEWSLETTER

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## Facing a Potential Feed Crunch?

The long winter combined with the drought in 2012 and impacts of the 2011 flood has created a hay shortage in parts of Manitoba. The shortage has also driven up feed costs.

These conditions have also caused producers to question the feed they have on hand. Manitoba Beef Producers wants producers to know they are not alone and that options are available.

### OPTION 1

You may still be able find hay and forage nearby or connect with sellers on the Internet (search Google and websites like Kijiji). If you don't have computer access, call Manitoba Beef Producers to assist you.

### OPTION 2

If you do not have adequate quantity and quality of feed there is help available to formulate and develop rations with lower quality roughages and grains (pelleted or raw). Contact your local Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives GO Office for this service.

### OPTION 3

Your other option is to sell a portion or all of your cattle and to restock when feed supplies are more plentiful. Please contact Manitoba Beef Producers if you need to discuss your options.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

#### Manitoba Beef Producers

Call toll free: 1-800-772-0458 or email [info@mbbeef.ca](mailto:info@mbbeef.ca)

#### Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives GO Offices

For local contact information visit: [www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture](http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture)

#### Manitoba Farm & Rural Support Services

The Manitoba Farm & Rural Support Services provides telephone and on-line counselling and support to farmers, rural and northern Manitobans. Manitoba Farm & Rural Support Services staff are professional counsellors with farming backgrounds and strong rural identities.

Call toll free 1-866-367-3276 or email [info@ruralsupport.ca](mailto:info@ruralsupport.ca).

Website: [www.ruralsupport.ca](http://www.ruralsupport.ca)



### Related Article:

*Assessing Your Situation: Shortage of Feed and Flood Concerns*

### Upcoming Events

**April 16:** Manitoba Budget to be delivered.

**April 25:** Agriculture in the Classroom Manitoba's AGM and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, 5 p.m., Western Canadian Aviation Museum, Winnipeg.  
[www.aitc.mb.ca](http://www.aitc.mb.ca)

## Scientific Research and Variety Development

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) strongly supports scientific research and variety development that will advance the productivity and nutritional value of Canadian forages.

MBP is concerned about maintaining a regulatory environment that supports the research that is critical to our industry.

Read the related news release:  
[Manitoba Beef Producers Support Science-Based Forage Research](#)

## Anthrax Program Changes

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is reminding livestock producers and other stakeholders that the anthrax program changed on April 1, 2013. Read more about the changes [here](#).

## MBP Working with Manitoba Trappers Association



**Above:** MBP GM Cam Dahl accepts a plaque from Neil Brandstrom, Manitoba Trappers Association director, recognizing MBP as a Corporate Member. MBP and MTA are working together along with government departments to help address predator issues.

# MANITOBA BEEF BURSARY



Manitoba Beef Producers is pleased to offer four \$500 bursaries annually for MBP members or their children attending a university, college or other post-secondary institution or pursuing trades training.

Preference will be given to those students pursuing a field of study related to agriculture or to those acquiring a skilled trade that would be beneficial to the rural economy.

Applications are available online at [www.mbbeef.ca](http://www.mbbeef.ca) or by contacting MBP.

Completed applications must be submitted by Friday, June 7, 2013.

### Eligibility:

- must be at least 17 years of age as of January 1, 2013
- must be an active Manitoba beef producer or the child of an active Manitoba beef producer
- must use the bursary within (2) two years

### Requirements:

- must submit a typed 600 word (maximum) essay discussing "What the beef industry means to my family, my community, and Manitoba." Also include the reasons you enjoy being involved in agriculture.\*
- must submit proof of enrolment in a recognized institution (e.g. transcript)
- must submit a list of community involvement (e.g. 4-H, community clubs, volunteer work)
- post-secondary program or trades training must be a minimum of one year in duration
- provide the names of three references, including their addresses and telephone numbers

**For more information, please contact MBP at 1-800-772-0458 or email: [lhurst@mbbeef.ca](mailto:lhurst@mbbeef.ca)**

**SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SENT TO MBP NO LATER THAN  
4:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2013 TO:**

**Manitoba Beef Producers Bursary Committee**  
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