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MANITOBA BEEF PRODUCERS MET WITH PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURE MINISTER TO DISCUSS FLOODING AND EXCESS MOISTURE SITUATION

WINNIPEG – Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) met with Manitoba’s agriculture minister on July 9th to discuss strategies to help producers deal with the immediate and longer-term effects of this year’s flooding and excess moisture conditions.

“Several key items were raised, including pasture and feed concerns, whether AgriRecovery will be available, challenges with existing business risk management programs, and the urgent need for improved water management,” explained Heinz Reimer, MBP president. “It was a valuable meeting with Minister Ron Kostyshyn and his staff.”

MBP is especially concerned about feed supplies in the weeks and months ahead. The discussions with the Minister focused on the availability of community pastures and other Crown lands if herds need to be relocated. Also being explored is working collaboratively with the provincial government and grain producers to make written off crops available as an alternate source of feed and straw for cattle producers.

Other matters brought forward by MBP included: whether forage shortfall and transportation assistance programs will be developed; the responsiveness of forage insurance programs; and the pressing need for a second outlet on Lake Manitoba.

“MBP has appreciated the opportunity to engage with the Minister and government officials on an ongoing basis throughout this latest disaster. We continue to seek the swift delivery of programs and services so producers are better equipped to deal with these challenging conditions on both an emerging and a longer-term basis,” added Reimer.

Manitoba Beef Producers is the exclusive voice of the beef industry in Manitoba. Our role and mission is to represent our beef producers through communication, research, advocacy and education. Manitoba Beef Producers represents 8,000 beef producers across the province.

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