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An update from Manitoba Beef Producers

NEWS ALERT: MBP Bursary applications are being accepted. See Page 2 for details.

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2019 MBP BURSARIES

Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) will again award six \$500 bursaries to deserving Manitoba students in 2019.

The bursaries are available to MBP members, or their children, who are attending a university, college or other post-secondary institution. Students pursuing trades training are also eligible. Preference will be given to students who are pursuing a field of study related to agriculture or those acquiring a skilled trade that would benefit the rural economy.

“It is our pleasure and privilege to be able to recognize deserving students who are from beef producing families and pursuing further education,” said Manitoba Beef Producers President Tom Teichroeb. “Each year these bursaries go to outstanding people, many of whom have returned to rural Manitoba following graduation and made substantial contributions to their communities.”

Those applying must be at least 17 years old as of Jan. 1, 2019 and be an active beef producer or the child of one. Applicants must use the bursary within two years of receiving it and the program they are attending must be at least one year in duration.

Interested students are required to submit an essay no more than 600 words in length discussing what the beef industry means to them, their family, community and Manitoba at large. Students are also asked to include the reasons they enjoy being involved in agriculture.

Applicants must also submit either a high school or post-secondary transcript, proof of enrolment in a recognized institution, a list of their community involvement and three references. The application can be found at www.mbbeef.ca/producers/mbp-bursary/. The winners are selected by a group of MBP directors. The names of applicants are redacted from the essays to ensure fairness in the selection process.

Completed applications must be submitted to MBP by Monday, June 3, 2019. All entries will be reviewed by the selection committee and the winners will be notified by July 31, 2019. The winning essays will also be reprinted in the September issue of *Cattle Country*.

In the News

A look at the news and articles of interest
to Manitoba's beef industry

- [Cattle industry focuses on keeping tags in ears](#)
- [Does EAT-Lancet Commission Report reflect reality?](#)
- [Walmart creates Angus beef supply chain, cutting out meat processors](#)
- [Immune test in the works to fight bovine respiratory disease](#)

Verified Beef Production Plus is initiating a training platform upgrade and we need your help!

It has been three years since VBP+ has upgraded it's training and it's time! Whether you have taken the original VBP training or the new VBP+ training, we want your input on what worked, what didn't and how we can make it better.

You can help us out by completing the short survey at the attached links. You can take the survey in either English or French. It will take roughly 10 minutes. We will utilize this data to ensure that this training upgrade is what producers want and need. All results remain completely anonymous and confidential.

Survey in English: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VBPplus_survey

Survey in French: https://fr.surveymonkey.com/r/VBPplus_FR-Survey

10 important safety reminders for Manitoba producers: General tips and legal requirements

From Manitoba Farm Safety Program

Spring has finally arrived, and in Manitoba that means there is a small window of time for farmers to get seed in the ground. Being prepared before you begin is critical to avoiding risk and potential fines. The Manitoba Farm Safety Program has identified ways you can ensure successful, safe season:

1. Train your help

All farms in Manitoba are required by law to provide, and keep records of safety orientation for all workers - paid or unpaid, casual or otherwise. In the event of Workplace Safety and Health carrying out a general inspection or investigating a serious injury or fatality on your farm, they can ask to see these training records.

2. Know when escort vehicles and permits are required on provincial highways

Permits:

Overwidth permits are not required for any implements or farm tractors being operated or towed on a highway for agricultural purposes. However, height and length permits are required if exceeding the following:

- Height: 4.6 metres
- Length: 35.0 metres

Implements and farm tractors loaded on standard trailers must obtain overwidth permits if the load exceeds 6.1 metres in width. However, specialized trailers designed specifically to haul that particular implement do not require overwidth permits. Height and length permit restrictions still apply.

Escort vehicles:

Escort vehicles are not required for any implements or farm tractors being operated or towed on a highway for agricultural purposes.

If loaded on a trailer, an escort vehicle is required

for loads up to 6.1 metres in width that protrude over the centre line of the highway and are subject to the following:

- One front escort vehicle on a 2 or 4 lane non-divided highway
- One rear escort vehicle on a 4 lane divided highway

All trailer loads exceeding 6.1 metres in width require one front and one rear escort on all highways.

The above is a partial summary of the provincial regulation, and does not include information regarding night time travel. For more information about permits and escort vehicles, contact the Manitoba Permit Services Office at 204-945-3961.

3. Create or update descriptions of your farmland

Keep descriptions of, and directions to all farmland in the house, in the shop, in your equipment and in farm vehicles. This information should be easily accessible to family, neighbours and workers so they know exactly where to send help if needed.

4. Restock and buy personal first aid kits

As per Manitoba safety and health legislation, you are responsible for ensuring that anyone working alone on your farm have immediate access to a personal first aid kit. It may be helpful to keep kits and farmland descriptions in the same spot in your farm equipment. Personal first aid kits must contain the following items:

- a) 10 sterile adhesive dressings, assorted sizes, individually packaged;
- b) 5 10 cm × 10 cm sterile gauze pads, individually packaged;
- c) a 10 cm × 10 cm sterile compress dressing, with ties;

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Safety matters for everyone on the farm

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- d) 5 antiseptic cleansing towelettes, individually packaged;
- e) a cotton triangular bandage;
- f) a waterproof waste bag;
- g) a pair of impervious disposable gloves;
- h) a roll of 2.5 cm adhesive bandage tape.

5. Let other motorists decide when it is safe to pass you on roadways

While you may want to be polite and pull over to let cars pass you, it is not always a good idea to wave them around. By allowing motorists to decide for themselves when it is safe to pass, it takes the responsibility off you.

6. Inspect and replace fire extinguishers

The following is a guideline for the type of fire extinguisher needed for each location on your farm:

Shops

- 10 pound dry chemical, multi-purpose ABC extinguisher

- 5 pound dry chemical ABC extinguisher

Barns

- 10 pound dry chemical, multi-purpose ABC extinguisher

- 2.5 gallon pressurized water extinguisher

Farm Vehicles

- 5 pound dry chemical, multi-purpose ABC extinguisher

Combines

- 10 pound dry chemical, multi-purpose ABC extinguisher

- 2.5 gallon pressurized water extinguisher

Balers

- 2.5 gallon pressurized water extinguisher

Tractors

- 10 pound dry chemical, multi-purpose ABC extinguisher

Silos/Bins

- 20 pound dry chemical, multi-purpose ABC extinguisher

- 2.5 gallon pressurized water extinguisher

Remember, fight small fires only. Water extinguishers can only be used on crop, straw and grass-type fires. For any fire involving oil, grease or electrical a dry chemical extinguisher must be used.

On machinery fire extinguishers should be mounted on the outside if possible.

7. Inspect personal protective equipment

Replace any faulty or worn out personal protective equipment. Damaged safety harnesses and lanyards must be cut up prior to being disposed of, so if found, they cannot be used. Things to check for are distorted or broken D-rings, frayed or cut edges in the webbing, bent or rusty buckles and missing rivets.

8. Polish up reflective signs and lights on your equipment

Inspect and clean off all lights and signage. Make sure turn signals and flashers work properly and that your safety reflective tape and slow-moving vehicle emblems are fully visible to other motorists.

9. Support hydraulics during maintenance

Ensure you are using a second support system on machines that use hydraulics while performing maintenance. Two safety measures should be standard practice.

10. Don't skip meals

Along with sleep, proper meals and getting plenty of water is key to reducing accidents by maintaining energy levels and alertness. Sleep deprivation and malnutrition slows response time, and that is when things can go wrong.

Happy seeding!

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Canadian Beef Grading Agency welcomes executive director

The Canadian Beef Grading Agency (CBGA) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Amanda Bennett as executive director. Bennett will be taking the helm from current CBGA General Manager Cindy Delaloye who will be retiring after 23 years of dedicated service to the agency.

Since grading privatization in April 1996, the CBGA has delivered third party impartial grading of beef, veal, and bison. In addition, the CBGA

expanded basic grading to provide value added services to the industry through certification of branded beef programs. These activities will be continued and enhanced under Bennett's management. Bennett brings extensive knowledge and expertise to the role of executive director. In addition to her most recent role as CBGA's Alberta and British Columbia Grading Supervisor, Bennett's background in agriculture and administration is a tremendous asset to the agency.

CBGA President Marty Carpenter is pleased to welcome Bennett to the team. "We are excited to welcome Amanda to the CBGA. Her background and grassroots understanding of Canadian grading provides an excellent basis to continue the strong leadership Cindy has established," he said.

Bennett will be mentoring under Delaloye's guidance to build a complete understanding of operations and corporate strategy for the agency over the next several months.

Governments invest in food processing centre at Assiniboine Community College

BRANDON—As part of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, the governments of Canada and Manitoba are investing \$300,000 in Assiniboine Community College to support a new Food Processing Centre for Animal Proteins (FPC), Manitoba Agriculture Minister Ralph Eichler announced here today.

"The growing world demand for protein provides our industry here in Manitoba with tremendous opportunities in new production and processing jobs," said Eichler. "The new Food Processing Centre for Animal Proteins will ensure that there is a robust stream of qualified individuals to advance our processing industry for years to come, and will keep our province at the leading edge of the protein sector."

The new training facility, located at the college's Victoria Avenue East campus in Brandon, will have a specialized focus on animal proteins. The first program scheduled to be delivered in the space is an 11-month Food Processing (Animal Proteins) certificate program. That program, which commences next month, will have students learning protein processing and other necessary skills to gain employment within the industry. Future use of the centre lends itself to customized industry training and applied research.

"The Food Processing Centre will allow Assiniboine to be responsive to the workforce development needs of employers, helping us to educate students and prepare them for in-demand jobs within this industry," said Mark Frison, president of Assiniboine Community College. "We are extremely appreciative of the contributions from industry and govern-

ment to make this space possible."

Other funding partners include Maple Leaf Foods, HyLife, Manitoba Pork, UFCW Local 832, as well as the Brandon Hog and Livestock Show. Combined, \$640,000 in funding will contribute to the construction and completion of the facility.

"Maple Leaf is very excited to be part of this opportunity with ACC and to stand with our industry partners to see it come to fruition," said Morgan Curran-Blaney, vice-president manufacturing – pork, Maple Leaf Foods. "Not only will this program provide a stream of skilled talent into our plant, but more importantly, it highlights meat processing as a viable and sustainable career option for students."

The new FPC at Assiniboine will address workforce supply shortages in Manitoba's meat processing industry. In January 2017, the Canadian Agriculture Human Research Council found that rural meat-processing facilities have an employment vacancy rate of over 9.5 per cent. These vacancies restrict processing capacity and affect future growth.

More information about Ag Action Manitoba is available at www.manitoba.ca/agriculture under Canadian Agricultural Partnership, by calling 1-844-769-6224 (toll-free) or emailing agaction@gov.mb.ca. Manitobans can also sign up for a digital newsletter at www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/online-resources/signup-for-growing-manitoba-ag.html or follow Manitoba Agriculture's Twitter channel at www.twitter.com/MBGovAg for more information about Ag Action Manitoba.

For more information on Canadian Agricultural Partnership visit www.canada.ca/Agri-Partnership.

HAVE **YOUR** VOICE HEARD



The Government of Manitoba started a consultation process on Feb. 19, on how Manitoba producers can increase protein production across the province. [Producers and stakeholders can read the position paper](#), and offer written comments on the proposal to ensure their perspective is considered. Written submissions will be accepted up to May 15, 2019.

You may send your submission by email to:

mbproteinadvantage@gov.mb.ca

Or mail it to: Manitoba Agriculture, 13 - 59 Scurfield Blvd.,
Winnipeg MB R3Y 1V2