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An update from Manitoba Beef Producers

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*.

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Manitoba drivers reminded of annual 4-H highway cleanup

Province of Manitoba Press Release — Manitoba highways will benefit from an annual clean up led by 4-H members this weekend and the provincial government is asking drivers to take extra caution, Agriculture Minister Ralph Eichler and Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler announced today.

“This initiative instils a sense of community and volunteerism among 4-H members while also helping to keep Manitoba’s highways and ditches clean,” said Eichler. “The 4-H commitment to volunteerism makes a difference to every person who enjoys the beauty of our Manitoba landscape this summer.”

The provincewide campaign will take place tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. Safety is of utmost importance so all participants will be wearing a safety vest and areas being cleaned will be marked with safety signs. Adult volunteers are involved to provide supervision. Manitobans are asked to be alert and use caution when passing 4-H highway clean up crews.

“We remind all motorists to be vigilant over the weekend the 4-H crews will be conducting a great service for the community,” said Schuler. “These young people are dedicated and potentially the leaders of tomorrow, and show

this by taking on extra responsibility tomorrow.”

The Manitoba government pays 4-H clubs for every kilometre of roadway cleaned. Last year, more than 400 volunteers cleaned 257 kilometres of roadsides and ditches, collecting 883 bags of trash. R

recyclable bottles and cans were also delivered to appropriate locations. Participating clubs earned \$6,788 to support their programs.

“Through the years, we have heard from parents and members that they will never litter because of this experience,” said Dawn Krinke of the Manitoba 4-H Council. “Highway cleanup is a good opportunity for people to see 4-H helping to improve the community.”

In case of rain, the alternate date for the cleanup campaign is June 1.

For more information on Manitoba’s agricultural programs and services, follow the Twitter account at www.twitter.com/MBGovAg. For the most recent information on road conditions or highway safety, visit www.manitoba511.ca, call 511 or follow the Twitter account at www.twitter.com/MBGovRoads.

To learn more about 4-H in Manitoba, visit www.4h.mb.ca.

Japan lifts age restriction on Canadian beef, access for OTM beef achieved

Canadian Cattlemen’s Association — Expanded access for Canadian beef to the Japanese market has been achieved as Japan has lifted its over 30-month (OTM) age restriction for beef exports, effective immediately. The Canadian Cattlemen’s Association (CCA) appreciates the implementation of this decision to eliminate the rule instated in the 2003 bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) era and hopes that other markets will follow Japan’s lead.

Japan is an important market for Canadian beef under the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). Statistics Canada data from three months since the December 30 implementation of the CPTPP (March 2019 YTD) indicates a significant increase

in volume up 100.2 per cent to 9,826 metric tonnes and up 117.4 per cent in value to CDN\$68.7 million compared with the same period last year.

The CCA expects exports of Canadian beef to increase further still now that expanded access for OTM beef has finally come to fruition, said CCA President David Haywood-Farmer. “The CCA has and will continue to advocate for free and open trade. We were pleased to see the access to Japan attained under CPTPP and are happy to see the market potential grow with new access for OTM,” he said.

The CPTPP was implemented on December 30, 2018. On April 1, 2019 the second round of tariff cuts came into effect and tariffs were reduced to 26.6 per cent on both Canadian fresh

and frozen beef and further cuts will continue over the next several years. The initial tariff cut on December 30 lowered the Japanese beef tariff of 38.5 per cent to 27.5 per cent on Canadian fresh beef and to 26.9 per cent on frozen beef. Tariffs were also reduced for a range of offal products.

The CCA has been closely monitoring developments regarding the OTM rule in 2019, as Japanese officials moved through their processes towards recommending the elimination of the requirement that imported beef be from cattle under 30 months of age.

Canada’s new access became effective on May 17, 2019 and is part of the OTM access Japan announced late last week for the United States and Ireland.