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# E-Newsletter

*An update from Manitoba Beef Producers*

## Info sessions planned for Lake Manitoba Outlet Channel project

### Province of Manitoba Press Release

The Manitoba government will be updating the public on the province's plans for two new, permanent outlet channels for Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin that will greatly enhance the province's capacity to manage flooding, Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler announced recently.

"The outlet channels are critically important to ensuring the safety of all Manitobans," said Schuler. "History has shown the costs and consequences of inaction are far too great and we are committed to moving this project forward as soon as possible."

The project consists of building two diversion channels, approximately 23-kilometres long: the Lake Manitoba Outlet Channel will run north from Watchorn Bay on Lake Manitoba to Birch Bay on Lake St. Martin and the Lake St. Martin Outlet Channel will run northeast from Lake St. Martin to Lake Winnipeg south of Willow Point. The project also involves building a number of bridges and water control structures, a 24-kilovolt distribution line and adjusting surrounding highway infrastructure.

The information sessions are scheduled for:

- June 25 in Winnipeg, 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., Canad Inns Destination Centre Fort Garry, 1824 Pembina Hwy.; and
- June 27 in Moosehorn, 2 to 5 p.m. and 6

to 8 p.m., Moosehorn Community Hall, Railway Avenue, Rural Municipality of Grahamdale.

The new channels will increase the province's ability to regulate water levels on Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin. The design is for a channel capacity of 7,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) for the Lake Manitoba outlet and 11,500 cfs for the Lake St. Martin outlet. The current capacity of the Lake St. Martin Emergency Outlet Channel is approximately 4,000 cfs.

Excavation of the channels and construction of the associated bridges and control structures will occur once detailed design work, Indigenous consultation and environmental authorizations are complete, Schuler said. Until the new channels are completed, the original emergency channel will remain available for use as required. Once the new channels are completed, the existing emergency channel will then be repurposed for environmental benefits.

Last year, the governments of Canada and Manitoba announced an agreement to cost-share \$540 million in new flood management infrastructure for the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin outlet channels. Federal funding of \$247.5 million will be provided through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund. Manitoba will provide matching funds in the amount of \$247.5 million, plus an additional \$45 million.

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# In the News

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

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- [Forage forecast gets some good news](#)
- [Cattle prices show strength thanks to recent rain](#)
- [BSE halts Brazilian beef exports to China](#)
- [Drought becomes top-of-mind issue for farmers](#)
- [Mental health worth the investment](#)

## MBP working with professor on conservation study

Manitoba Beef Producers is collaborating with Dr. Jeremy Pittman from the University of Waterloo's School of Planning (Canada) on a research project about ranchers' and farmers' preferences for species-at-risk and endangered species conservation programs in Western Canada (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba). We seek your insights into what conservation programs are desirable and best suited for your operations.

Participation in this study involves completing a **15-minute online survey**. In appreciation for your time, you will be given the opportunity to **enter into a draw to win one of forty gift cards, which are each valued at \$100 CAD**. Your odds of winning one of the prizes is based on the number of individuals who participate in the study, but we will be giving away 10 prizes per province. This study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through a University of Waterloo Research Ethics Committee.

**Please click on the link or type the link into your web browser to participate in the survey:**

[https://uwaterloo.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bw7CeipWl5yTg69](https://uwaterloo.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bw7CeipWl5yTg69)

If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Pittman at 1-519-888-4567 ext. 31544 or email: [jpittman@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:jpittman@uwaterloo.ca)

# Manitoba Hay & Silage Day



## Register today

Watch infield demonstrations of new equipment from manufacturers and learn more about harvesting high quality feed, costs of production and feeding baled and chopped silage.

- Date:** Thursday, June 20, 2019
- Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Place:** Manitoba Beef and Forage Initiatives Farm  
Corner of Highway 353 and #10 north of Brandon

Cost is \$20 per person. This is a rain or shine event. Call Manitoba Agriculture at 204-622-2007 to register.

## Agenda

- 9:45 a.m. The Silage How-to Guide for Livestock Producers**  
Ray Bittner, Manitoba Agriculture
- 10:15 a.m. Getting a Handle on Feed Costs-Silage vs Hay Cost of Production**  
Ben Hamm, Manitoba Agriculture
- 10:45 a.m. Managing Silage That Turns Out Less than Ideal**  
John McKinnon, JJM Nutrition, Saskatoon, SK
- 11:45 p.m. Silage Inoculants: What You Need to Know?**  
Derwyn Hammond, Pioneer Hybrid
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch-sponsored in part by Pioneer Hybrid**
- 1:30 p.m. Green Gold Alfalfa Monitoring Program - for optimal forage harvesting**  
John McGregor, Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association
- 1:45 p.m. New Silage and Hay Equipment Demonstrations**  
Major Manufacturers





## CCA welcomes funding to support strengthening Canada's meat industry

### Canadian Cattlemen's Association Press Release

The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) welcomes news of \$1 million in AgriMarketing support for Canada's meat industry, as announced this morning by Member of Parliament Chris Bittle.

The funding, allocated to the Canadian Meat Council (CMC), will enable the CMC, CCA and the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) to undertake collaborative and targeted activities to strengthen and pave the way for further diversification of markets for Canadian beef and pork products. Such activities will include strengthening international trade relationships with foreign industry partners, provid-

ing expertise for global trade missions, and inspection visits by international officials to Canadian processing facilities to demonstrate food safety requirements.

The CCA thanks the Government of Canada and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau for the funding from the Canadian Agricultural Partnership's AgriMarketing program. The ability to sell beef and beef by-products into the markets willing to pay the most for them is crucial to maximizing the value of each animal produced in Canada.

In 2018, Canada's beef industry exported \$2.75 billion (398,580 tonnes) of beef, representing 38 per cent of domestic slaughter. This is a new re-

cord high in beef export value. Canada exported 597,500 tonnes of beef and cattle valued at \$3.7 billion in 2018, representing 44 per cent of beef production (including live slaughter cattle exported).

The Canadian beef industry represents the second largest single source of farm cash receipts, with cash receipts from cattle and calves totaling \$9.4 billion annually over the last five years (2014-18 average), representing 16 per cent of total farm cash receipts, contributing \$18 billion to GDP annually, and generating an estimated 228,000 jobs in Canada, with every job in the sector yielding another 3.56 jobs elsewhere in the economy.