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Farm organizations urge Manitoba farmers to list available hay, straw and alternative feeds

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) and Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP), two farm groups representing Manitoba beef and grain farmers, are urging farmers across the province to list available hay, straw and alternative feeds for use. This call comes amid reports from across the province that hay and forage yields are far below expected.

“Many beef producers have been hard hit by back-to-back dry conditions that have led to diminished pasture and forage yields and depleted their hay and straw reserves,” explained MBP President Tom Teichroeb. “Faced with these conditions, they are looking to source both traditional and alternative sources of feed and bedding. We are encouraging producers with these kinds of resources available to consider listing them for sale.”

“Given dry conditions reported across much of the province, we feel that it is important to ensure producers know what their options are when it comes to both buying and selling available hay and straw,” KAP president Bill Campbell said. “As a grain farmer and a beef producer, I must utilize every option available to ensure the long-term viability of my operation.”

KAP and MBP have developed a fact sheet outlining several different options farmers have for selling and purchasing feed. Both organizations are encouraging producers to use any and all means available to list available feed for purchase.

Keystone Agricultural Producers is Manitoba’s general farm policy organization and takes direction from its members across the province – including farmers and 25 farm commodity organizations. Keystone Agricultural Producers has a 19-member board, representing both producers and commodity groups.

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Hay and Straw Listing Fact Sheet

Farmers and producers in Manitoba have numerous options when it comes to listing available hay and straw, and for buying hay, straw and alternative feeds. By no means is this list exhaustive and we encourage you to share other avenues for listing and buying with both Manitoba Beef Producers and Keystone Agricultural Producers.

Manitoba Agriculture

Manitoba Agriculture can assist farmers and producers with questions on where to source hay, straw and alternative feed. Call 1-844-769-6224 or visit your local [Ag Office](#). The [Manitoba Agriculture Livestock page](#) also has tools and resources for dry conditions.

Manitoba Government Hay Listing Service

The Manitoba government has a hay listing service that includes hay, pasture land, and alternative feeds available. There are also options to select certified organic and certified weed free feed. To learn more, [click here](#).

Social Media

There are two dedicated groups on Facebook for buying/selling hay and straw.

[Manitoba Hay and Feed for Buy/Sell](#)

[Hay/Feed for sale in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba](#)

Other social media avenues including Twitter also feature hay for sale across the province, however that exchange needs to occur on a user to user basis.

Hay Exchange

The internet Hay Exchange is a free hay listing and hay locator website. It includes listings from all 50 states and all Canadian provinces. For more information, [click here](#).

Others

Buy and sell websites like [Kijiji](#) and [eBrandon](#) will occasionally have listings for hay and straw.



Tailgating at the Game!



Winnipeg Blue Bomber fans stop by Manitoba Beef Producers' tent in the Tailgating zone at the August 8 Family of the Game.

In the News

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

- [Manitoba Agriculture Crop Report](#)
- [Beef Market Update](#)
- [Feed Watch: August 5, 2019](#)
- [Canada's Food Guide and Meat Consumption](#)
- [Canada's Own COOL Regulations](#)

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Manitoba Beef Producers identifies priority areas in advance of provincial and federal elections

WINNIPEG, MB – With both provincial and federal elections pending, Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) has identified a number of priority areas on which it will advocate on behalf of the province’s cattle industry.

“Manitoba’s 6,500 beef producers play a critical role in the local and national economy, creating jobs and opportunities, as well as providing valuable ecological goods and services,” explained MBP President Tom Teichroeb. “It is important that there is a policy and regulatory environment in which the industry can thrive and we want to ensure candidates are aware of the perspectives of beef producers on different matters.”

Some of the topics about which MBP will be advocating with both provincial and federal candidates include: the need for equitable and effective business risk management programs; the importance of sound water management strategies, both for times of drought or excess moisture conditions; recognition of the ecosystem services provided by managing grasslands, such as carbon sequestration and preserving habitat for many different species; exploring new trade opportunities and full optimizing existing trade deals; strategies to tackle labor shortages; and, the benefits provided to the sector through investments in beef and forage research and innovation.

“As the two election campaigns unfold in the weeks ahead we strongly encourage our members to talk to their candidates about the value of the beef industry to Manitoba and to ask the candidates about their priorities when it comes to the cattle sector,” added Teichroeb. “It is important our voices are heard by the people who could be shaping policies and programs affecting agriculture for years to come.”

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Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project Update

Manitoba Hydro has received regulatory approval from the federal and provincial governments to proceed with the Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project (MMTP).

This is a 500-kV transmission line that runs from the Winnipeg area to the U.S. border in southeastern Manitoba where it will connect to the Great Northern Transmission Line to be constructed by Minnesota Power. This will include upgrades to the Dorsey, Riel, and Glenboro converter stations.

According to information on the project website, Manitoba Hydro says that it is “working towards a construction start date of August 19. We are waiting for final approval of documents that we filed with the National Energy Board to satisfy Certificate conditions. Construction will not begin until these approvals are received.”

For more information about the project, including the location of construction activity please visit the project website as follows:

https://www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/mb_mn_transmission/

TESA APPLICATIONS DUE TO MBP BY DECEMBER 6

Manitoba Beef Producers is accepting applications for Manitoba's Environmental Stewardship Award (TESA) until December 6.

Since 1996, the Canadian Cattlemen Association's (CCA) TESA has recognized producers who go above and beyond standard industry conservation practices, setting positive examples for other cattle producers and the general public.

At the provincial level, the winning operation receives recognition for its outstanding contributions, which in MBP's case occurs in conjunction with its annual general meeting in February. All provincial award recipients then move forward to compete at the national level.

The national TESA recipient is announced during the Canadian Beef Industry Conference and CCA Semi-Annual Meeting in August. All provincial recipients are awarded an all-expense paid trip for two to attend this meeting.

Each TESA nominee exemplifies significant innovation and attention to a wide range of environmental stewardship aspects of their farm operation. Such innovations extend beneficially to areas far beyond their land, including water, wildlife and air.

All beef cattle operations in Canada may apply. Producers can either be nominated by an individual or organization, or apply themselves. Nominees and applicants compete for one of the provincial awards based on their province of residence.

For more information and to access the application go to <http://www.cattle.ca/sustainability/the-environmental-stewardship-award/>, or contact MBP for a copy.

The form, along with all supporting documentation (such as letters of support, photos and/or videos), is to be submitted to Manitoba Beef Producers c/o 220-530 Century Street, Winnipeg, MB R3H 0Y4 by December 6, 2019. The application can be emailed to info@mbbeef.ca.

The 2018 national level TESA winners was Manitoba's Circle H Farms, a purebred cow-calf operation owned and operated by Brian and Sonja Harper and family.



Manitoba residents to get new or faster Internet access with help of federal investment

(Government of Canada news release)

Canadians understand the importance of building communities. They have always invested in ways to better connect with each other—from the St. Lawrence Seaway to the national railroad system to the Trans-Canada Highway. Those investments now need to reflect the increasingly digital world.

That is why the Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Rural Economic Development, announced funding on August 2 of \$6.9 million for [Valley Fiber Limited](#) and \$794,000 for [High Speed Crow](#) to bring new or improved high-speed Internet access and capacity to 16 communities, including a First Nation community, in rural Manitoba. In addition to the Government of Canada investment, Valley Fiber Limited is contributing \$2.3 million and High Speed Crow is contributing \$264,640, bringing the total investment to just over \$10 million.

The additional high-speed Internet projects in Manitoba are possible thanks to the top-up to the [Connect to Innovate](#) program announced in Budget 2019. As a result of this funding, residents in the communities of Aubigny, Brunkild, Bristol, Friedensfeld, Greenland, Homewood, La Salle, Mctavish, New Bothwell, Otterburne, Sanford, Silver Plains, Saint Malo, Ste.

Agathe, Sperling and Brokenhead Ojibway Nation will be able to connect with family and friends, do business online, participate in distance education and take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the digital age.

Connect to Innovate is investing in building the digital backbone of high-speed Internet networks. Backbone networks are the digital highways that move data in and out of communities. These highways carry large amounts of data that are essential for schools, hospitals, libraries and businesses to function in a digital world.

The funding announced today builds on numerous steps the Government of Canada has taken to improve Internet access for Canadians. High-speed Internet access is essential for Canadians in rural and remote communities to thrive in the digital economy. [High-Speed Access for All: Canada's Connectivity Strategy](#) is the Government's plan to ensure that, over time, all Canadians will have access to affordable high-speed Internet, no matter where they live. It also commits to improving mobile wireless coverage where Canadians live and work, as well as along major highways and roads.

Quotes

“Broadband Internet service is key for the prosperity of rural Canadian communities. This project will allow residents to be better connected to friends,

family, school and businesses, as well as have better access to online services and tools. By providing better broadband connections, we are increasing the potential for economic growth and diversification and enhancing the quality of life in First Nation and rural communities.”

– The Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Rural Economic Development

“We are very pleased with the approval of funds under the Connect to Innovate program to bring this critical infrastructure that will connect more Canadians. These funds allow Valley Fiber to expand our ‘dedicated fiber’ build in rural Manitoba. We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with the Government of Canada in bringing this digital backbone to our communities.”

– Conley Kehler, Senior Vice-President, Valley Fiber

“High Speed Crow is pleased to partner with the federal government to improve broadband services in Manitoba. This partnership will help us continue fiber deployments throughout Manitoba, specifically the rural areas, to which we are firmly committed.”

– Bryan King, President and Chief Executive Officer, High Speed Crow

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Reducing Livestock Predation Risk: Testing Innovative Ways to Minimise Losses

Looking for cooperators



Payments will not be made to producers for their involvement, it is expected that those participating in the project are already experiencing losses at a level that they would see the benefit in a target approach with highly specialized equipment and expert involvement.

What we are doing:

- 1) Testing a method of assessing the risk of predation to your operation
- 2) Deploying multiple monitoring & predator deterrents

Are you experiencing losses within
the outlined watersheds?

This project is looking for innovative livestock producers who:

- are experiencing losses
- willing to try unorthodox experimental approaches to stopping predator attacks
- willing to provide information on costs, attitudes, animal husbandry, mortality management and past losses among other information
- will provide in-kind support in the form of assisting with fence/equipment installation, weekly monitoring of fences and trail cams, moving of equipment on a regular basis
- will participate in demonstration events, interviews, web and paper based communications.

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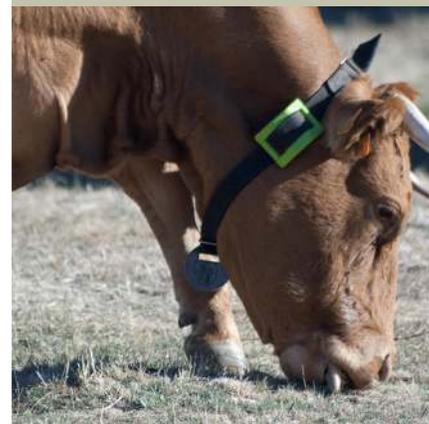
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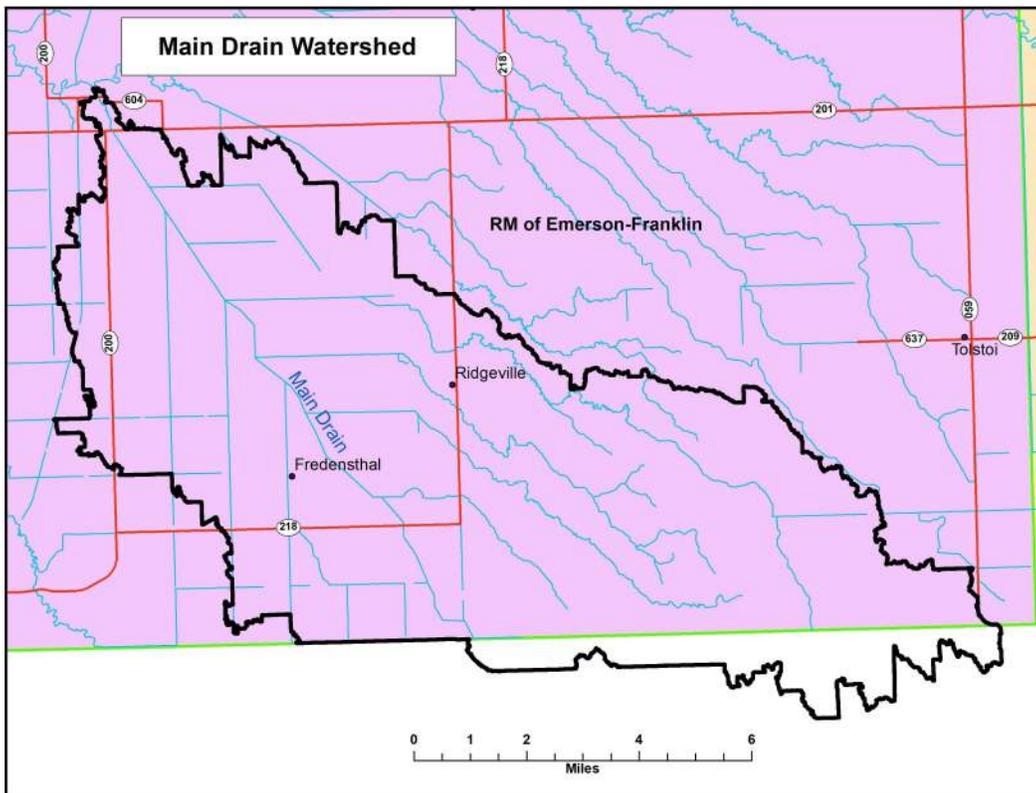
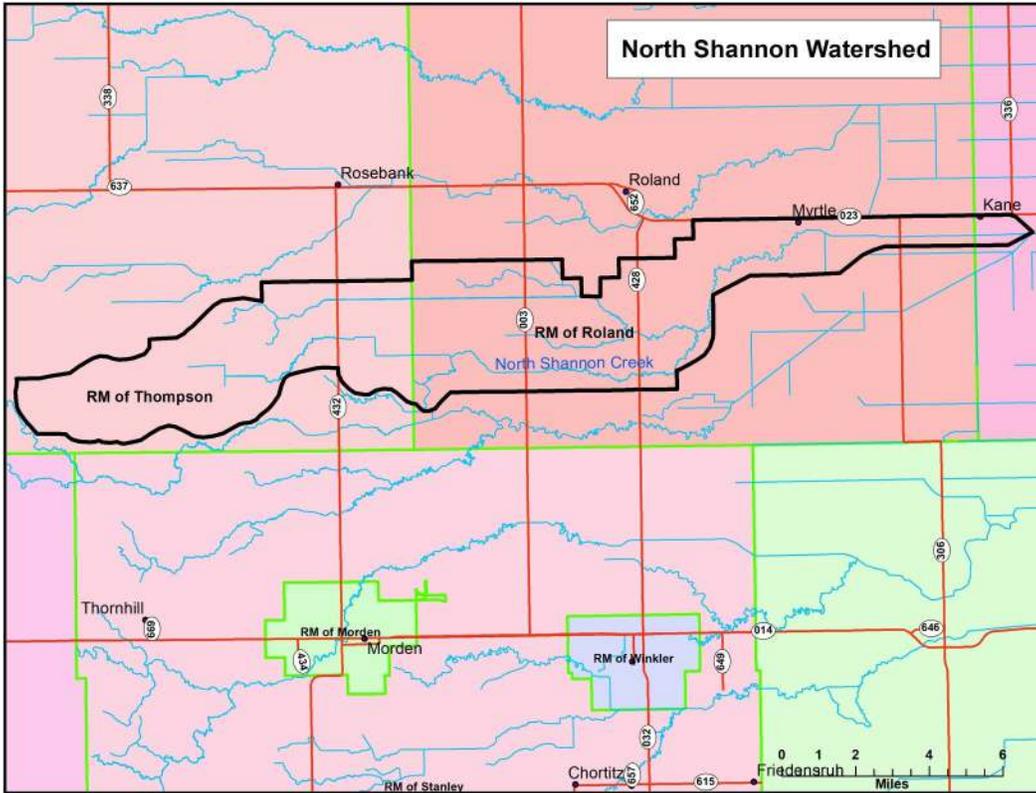
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