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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.

Manitoba Beef Producers is the exclusive voice of the beef industry in Manitoba, representing 6,500 producers around the province. Its mission is to represent beef producers through communication, advocacy, research, and education—within the industry and to governments, consumers and others, to improve prosperity and ensure a sustainable future.

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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. For more information.