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Manitoba Beef Producers Encourages Producers to Participate in Forage Insurance Review

WINNIPEG, MB – Manitoba Beef Producers (MBP) is strongly encouraging beef producers to participate in the Forage Insurance Review currently underway in the province.

“Producers have often raised concerns about gaps or challenges with the current forage insurance offerings that limit their responsiveness and which discourage them from taking out policies,” said MBP President Dianne Riding. “Right now, we have been provided with a very important opportunity by the provincial government to provide feedback on what is or isn’t working, as well as what would be valuable in terms of program changes.”

Producers can fill out the online consultation survey at <https://engagemb.ca/forage-insurance-review> until March 15.

Alternatively, they can visit a public kiosk available at the following Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development locations to complete it. Contact these offices to schedule an appointment:

- **Vita** – 108 Main St. North, 204-425-5050
- **Carberry** – junction of the Trans-Canada Highway and PTH 5, north on PTH 5, 204-834-8815
- **Virden** – 247 Wellington St. W, 204-748-4770
- **Swan River** – 120 Sixth Ave. N, 204-734-3417
- **Roblin** – 117 Second Ave. NW, 204-937-6460; and
- **The Pas** – 234 Third St. and Ross Avenue, 204-627-8255.

As well, in-person producer consultation meetings will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. as follows:

- March 18 – Centre Hylife Centre/La Broquerie Arena (2nd Floor) – 22 Arena Street, **La Broquerie**
- March 19 – Arborg-Bifrost Community Centre – 409 Recreation Centre, **Arborg**
- March 24 – Watson Art Centre (Auditorium) – 104 1st Avenue NW, **Dauphin**
- March 25 – Canad Inns (Great Western Roadhouse) – 1125 18th Street South, **Brandon**

For these meetings participants should pre-register either by emailing their attendance to forageinsreview2020@masc.mb.ca or calling the Portage la Prairie office at 204-239-3275.

“Forage production is subject to a variety of risks, including droughts and floods. It is very important that the business risk management tools can react to a variety of challenging production conditions,” added Riding. “By taking part in this review, we can help shape the suite of forage insurance offerings in Manitoba in a way to make them more responsive for beef and forage producers. All input is valuable.”

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Manitoba Beef Producers is the exclusive voice of the beef industry in Manitoba, representing 6,500 producers across the province. MBP’s mission is to represent all 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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