

E-Newsletter

An update from Manitoba Beef Producers

Province Renews Nine Emergency Measures Act Orders As Part Of COVID-19 Response

(September 10, 2020 Government of Manitoba news release) As part of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Manitoba government has renewed a number of orders under the Emergency Measures Act to help individuals, business and government cope with challenges presented by the pandemic and to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

The orders being renewed until March/April 2021 include:

- Manitoba Conservation and Climate – a regulatory change will see the extension of certifications for operators of water and waste-water facilities, ensuring there is adequate staffing for the safe operation of the facilities.
- Manitoba Education – a new order will support the use of and transition to electronic meetings with the temporary suspension of the requirement for trustees to physically attend a school board meeting at least once every three months under The Public Schools Act continues. General public health guidelines suggest limiting in-person meetings and the extended order helps reduce the requirement for travel in northern and remote communities.
- Manitoba Families – two temporary suspension orders will be combined into one order regarding Temporary Suspension of Youth in Care Provisions and the Temporary Suspension of Social Services and Child Care Provisions. As well, relief of the Foster Homes Licensing Regulation and the Child Care Facilities (Other than Foster Homes) Licensing Regulation will be provided through a regulatory change. These provisions provide better outcomes for youth exiting care during these unprecedented times and allows nursery schools to continue operating under temporary models.
- Manitoba Finance – one of the extensions will allow for the continued use of video conferencing to witness the signing of documents under subsections of The Homesteads Act and The Real Property Act.

This temporary suspension of in-person commissioning and witnessing requirements provides a way for someone in isolation to sign documents safely. The temporary suspension of the requirement for in-person corporate meetings for condominium corporations, co-operatives, corporations and credit unions continues providing the option for required meetings to be held, notified of and voted on electronically until March 31, 2021.

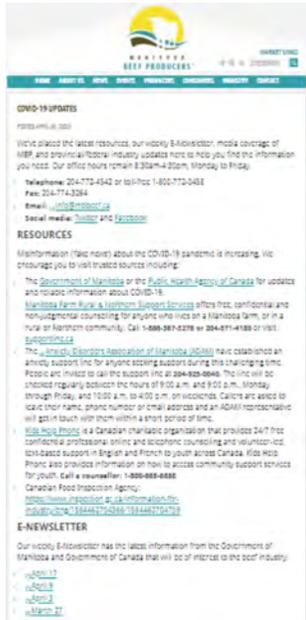
- Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living – The Personal Care Home (PCH) Staffing and Work Deployment order will continue to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 by restricting staff from working in more than one PCH. As well, the continued temporary suspension of in-person commissioning and witnessing requirement provides a way for someone in isolation to sign documents safely related to health-care directives.
- Manitoba Justice – the extension will allow for the continued use of video conferencing to witness the signing of documents under The Manitoba Evidence Act, The Powers of Attorney Act and The Wills Act.

The temporary suspension of the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) credential provision is extended until No. 15, 2020. The extension continues to temporarily waive credential requirements for Manitoba carriers traveling to IFTA jurisdictions. Waiving this provision also helps Manitoba carriers bringing food, medical supplies and others goods into and out of the province.

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 2020-09-10 09:00
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RESOURCES
 As information (fake news) about the COVID-19 pandemic is increasing, we encourage you to visit trusted sources including:
 • The [Government of Manitoba](#) or the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#) for updates and reliable information about COVID-19.
 • [Manitoba Farm, Rural & Agriculture Support Funding](#) offers free, confidential and non-judgmental counselling for anyone who lives on a Manitoba farm, or in a rural or northern community. Call 1-888-367-4276 or 204-671-4188 or visit: [Support4Manitoba.ca](#)
 • The [United Way's Association of Manitoba \(UWAM\)](#) have established an advisory support line for anyone seeking support during this challenging time. People are invited to call the support line at 204-949-0666. The line will be open on regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekends. Calls are asked to leave their name, phone number or email address and an ADAM! representative will get in touch with them within a short period of time.
 • [Kids Help Phone](#) is a Canadian charitable organization that provides 24/7 free, confidential professional, online and telephone counselling and volunteer-led, text-based support in English and French to youth across Canada. Kids Help Phone also provides information on how to access community support services for youth. Call a counsellor: 1-800-668-6868.
 • Canadian Food Inspection Agency: www.inspection.gc.ca/information/fr/contenu/2020/09/10/2020-19-0001-1344472474

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← The Canadian Cattlemen's Association is collaborating with industry stakeholders and the Government of Canada to ensure both stable beef production and trade during and following the COVID-19 pandemic. <https://www.cattle.ca/ccaresources/covid-19/>

HEADLINE NEWS

Veterinary student gets CYL nod

Faces of Ag: Sarah Jensen of Arborg is one of 16 young Canadians singled out for mentorship through the Canadian Cattlemen's Association this year

By Alexis Stockford
 Reporter
 Published: September 9, 2020
 Faces of Ag, Farmlife Manitoba
 Reading Time: 4 minutes



Sarah Jensen of Arborg is one of two Manitoba names among the 2020 Cattlemen's Young Leaders Mentorship Program finalists. Photo: Supplied

The Impossible has landed on Canadian soil

Rita DeMontis
 Sep 10, 2020 • Last Updated 1 day ago • 4 minute read



Miniature Herefords capture hearts (and stomachs) in the Interlake

Faces of Ag: McFinn Acres is home to a menagerie of farm animals, but miniature cattle are front and centre

By Geraelyn Wichers
 Reporter
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Vernette and Jim McFinn pose with "Rudy," a Miniature Hereford cow, on their farm near Poplarfield, Man. Photo: Geraelyn Wichers

Emergency order - continued from page 1

Orders not being renewed include:

- Manitoba Finance - under the Residential Tenancies branch, provisions will end related to non-urgent evictions, the suspension of hearings for non-urgent orders of possession, late fees for non-payment of rent and freezing rent increases. All of these provisions will be repealed, effective Oct. 1. The changes allow landlords to begin proceedings for evictions against tenants for non-payment of rent and other non-urgent issues. They will also be able to begin charging late fees on rent that is not paid on time on that date or later, but cannot charge fees on rent that was overdue while the suspension was in place. Rent increases cannot be applied or charged retroactively for the period that the rent freeze was in place.
- Manitoba Economic, Development and Training – the suspension of Manitoba Student Aid loans repayments will end Sept. 30. The Manitoba government will continue working to help reduce the financial burden on post secondary students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A more detailed list of orders to be extended or not renewed as they are no longer needed or relevant can be found at <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/protection/soe.html>

Manitoba Government Announces Disaster Financial Assistance Program

(Government of Manitoba News Release, September 11, 2020)

The Manitoba government will provide disaster financial assistance (DFA) for three high water/weather-related events that hit the province earlier this year, Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler announced today.

“High water issues started in the spring and the response focused on the Red River Valley,” said Schuler. “Excessive rain events hit two areas of the province in early June and then again at the end of June into early July, creating overland flooding issues. We are able to provide disaster financial assistance programs for all three.”

The provincial Hydrologic Forecast Centre identified a potential high water situation in the Red River Valley for spring 2020, during the event both the Red River Floodway and the Portage Diversion were activated. Provincial operations focused on the Red River Valley ring dike communities and included pumping, completing partial ring dike closures and ramping of roads for continued community access.

The southeast area of the province received heavy rains from June 6 to 10, with some areas recording almost 200 millimetres of rain within three days. Overland flooding was reported in the rural municipalities (RM) of De Salaberry, Piney, Reynolds, La Broquerie and Stuartburn, as well as the Municipality of Emerson-Franklin.

Another heavy rain event occurred June 28 to July 5 in western and southern Manitoba, impacting the communities of Minnedosa, Rapid City and Rivers as the rain-swollen Little

Saskatchewan River made its way to the Assiniboine River. The heavy precipitation was a one-in-1,000-year rain event resulting in the province losing confidence in the provincial dam near Rivers. Recommendations were shared with municipalities to evacuate a limited number of properties as a precaution. The Portage Diversion was activated from July 2 to 9, to limit water flow in the lower Assiniboine River.

Heavy precipitation in the upstream watershed of the Whitemud River caused a significant rise in levels along the river, exceeding 2011 levels. Ten municipalities declared a state of local emergency and 20 municipalities were impacted by heavy rain.

“Manitobans are always encouraged to check their insurance policies first, then consider a DFA program application,” said Schuler. “The DFA program should be used as a last resort.”

DFA programs provide provincial assistance for certain disaster-related losses when a widespread natural disaster strikes and creates an unreasonable financial burden. Assistance is generally provided for recovery needs of local governments, occupied private residential properties, farms, small business and some not-for-profit organizations.

“We are pleased to be able to offer these programs even at a time when COVID-19 is consuming an enormous amount of provincial resources,” said Schuler. “Preliminary estimates show at least two of the programs will be substantial enough for potential cost-sharing with the federal government through the federal disaster financial assistance arrangements.”

The DFA application deadline for local authorities and those in the private sector is Dec. 10.

Applications due November 6



Always Call Before You Burn

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Stubble burning restrictions

Manitoba's crop residue burning regulation restricts daytime burning between August 1 and November 15. Burning at night is illegal. Burning within Burning Permit Areas requires a permit issued by Manitoba Conservation and Climate.

If you do not comply, you may be fined as much as \$50,000.

If you must burn, be responsible

Before you burn straw, stubble or chaff this fall, call 1-800-265-1233 or visit manitoba.ca to find out whether burning is allowed in your area that day.

Burning is permitted only on days when the weather conditions allow for effective smoke dispersion.

It is essential that you make sure appropriate fireguards are in place during a burn and you must supervise your fires at all times.

Consider the alternatives

In most years, crop residue management practices can reduce or eliminate the need to burn. For more information, contact your local Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development office or visit manitoba.ca.

\$134-Million Interprovincial Agreement Renewed For Western College of Veterinary Medicine

(September 9, 2020 Government of Manitoba News Release)

Three provincial governments announced the renewal of their financial commitment to the University of Saskatchewan's Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM).

The Manitoba, British Columbia and Saskatchewan governments' agreement with the University of Saskatchewan provides over \$134 million to the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) for the next five years.

The agreement helps to ensure that Western Canada has a steady supply of veterinarians with in-depth knowledge of animal health and public health, as well as an awareness of the standards and issues facing livestock, fowl and fisheries producers, and pet owners.

"The Manitoba government is pleased to renew our commitment to training in veterinary medicine and continue our long-standing partnership that provides high-quality education and training opportunities to Manitobans and helps meet labour market demand across the province," said Manitoba Economic Development and Training Minister Ralph Eichler. "This is an important investment in Manitoba's agriculture sector that aligns with needs under the Manitoba Protein Advantage Strategy. We need good veterinarians in place to help us practise safe animal welfare and keep growing animal agriculture in Manitoba."

Saskatchewan Minister of Advanced Education Tina Beaudry-Mellor said, "Ensuring that educational opportunities meet labour-market expectations is a Growth Plan priority for our government. This agreement allows Saskatchewan, and our partner provinces, to

communicate admissions' priorities so they are in step with each province's labour-market needs."

British Columbia Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Melanie Mark said, "There is an increasing demand for veterinarians and veterinary research across Western Canada. This agreement helps us focus on equipping students from the western provinces with the expertise to return and practise in their home communities, where they are in demand."

University of Saskatchewan Interim Provost and Vice-president Academic Melissa Just said, "The WCVM is built on collaboration, and its people and programs strengthen the University of Saskatchewan's impact in everything from agriculture and animal health to comparative medicine and public health. We're excited to see what it will achieve with the renewed support of its provincial partners and our university."

The WCVM is the premier centre of veterinary education, research and expertise in Western Canada and a key member of Canada's veterinary, public health and food safety networks. The internationally accredited facility includes a veterinary medical centre, a provincial diagnostic laboratory and large-scale research facilities.

The college's new interprovincial agreement is in place until 2025.

Find video greetings from Manitoba, British Columbia and Saskatchewan and University of Saskatchewan representatives at <https://wcvm.usask.ca/ipa.php>.

Note: According to the aforementioned video, the Manitoba government is providing \$32 million over the next five years as part of the agreement. This will continue to provide 15 Manitoba students with a spot in the program each year.

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CATTLE COUNTRY



Guidelines for Canadian Cattle Sales in 2020 (UPDATED)

Updated: September 1, 2020

For those hosting sales

- limit attendance to comply with provincial and regional health regulations
- signage should be posted at the entrance and in high-traffic areas within the facility, clearly displaying guidelines and protocols for attendance.
- consider a sign-in process with contact information including cell numbers to track sale attendees
- where possible, make internet or phone bidding available
- have the cattle available for viewing prior to the sale
- consider online photos and videos for those who are not able to view in person
- restrict general public access on sale day
- seating in sale ring area must be clearly marked, accommodating physical distancing requirements
- international and out of province visitors should be advised to take extra precautions
- avoid contact (do not shake hands) and maintain a social distance of 6-feet
- provide hand sanitizer and disposable masks to attendees
- request the use of masks in common areas such as the sale ring area
- if food is provided, serve in individual packages and avoid buffet style
- sanitize workstations and eating areas including special attention to places and equipment shared by more than one person on a regular basis.

For those purchasing cattle and attending sales

- do not attend sales without an serious intention to purchase
- do not attend a sale if you are sick with even mild symptoms
- do not bring additional family members with you especially school-age children, one person per farm operation is recommended
- refrain from entering areas that are marked as restricted or for employees only
- avoid contact and maintain a 6-foot physical distance, consider bringing your own mask to wear in common areas or where physical distancing is not possible
- consider phone or online bidding when available
- where possible view cattle ahead of the sale in person or online
- wash your hands thoroughly and frequently

We recognize this is an important time for producers. By working together and through good preparation we will keep our families, customers and employees safe.

These are recommendations of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association, the Canadian Beef Breeds Council and the Livestock Markets Association of Canada; made through consultation with the Public Health Agency of Canada website found [here](#). This is not an exhaustive list and businesses should stay up to date on their government recommendations and regional requirements.

Protecting the safety of agri-food workers through the Emergency Processing Fund

(September 4, 2020 Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada News Release) The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, was at Exceldor Cooperative in Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Quebec, to announce a number of initial projects funded under the \$77.5 million Emergency Processing Fund.

The Emergency Processing Fund is focused on projects to help companies respond to the urgent health and safety needs of workers in agri-food sectors impacted by COVID-19, with an emphasis on supporting meat processing facilities.

Nationally, a total of 32 projects have been approved so far, for up to \$10.54 million in funding. Funding has helped businesses purchase reusable PPE, sanitation stations and protective barriers, make adjustments to production lines to enable social distancing, develop additional training and adopt other measures that help safeguard employees from COVID-19. All remaining projects are currently being assessed and will be finalized in the coming weeks.

Minister Bibeau made the announcement while visiting the Exceldor Cooperative plant that will receive up to \$262,500 to purchase reusable personal protective equipment (PPE), and install equipment to ensure social distancing of staff at the facility.

The Government of Canada will continue working with food processors to ensure the well-being of essential workers in food processing plants across Canada while strengthening the resilience of our food supply chain.

Quotes

"Workers in the agri-food sector, in particular those working in meat processing, have faced many challenges throughout this pandemic and the Government has been there to support them. Ensuring the safety of these essential workers is key to continue providing safe, high quality food for all Canadians."

- The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

"The support announced by the federal government today was expected and is much appreciated. Despite the many challenges related to COVID-19 in recent months, we have been able to remain present in order to continue to feed Canadians. I would like to thank all of our employees who take their work to heart and who are still at their jobs despite the circumstances. We continue to be committed to providing a work environment that is adapted to the current pandemic conditions, and thus protecting the health of all our employees."

- René Proulx, President and CEO, Exceldor Cooperative

Quick facts

- The Emergency Processing Fund will help food processors implement measures to protect the health and safety of workers and their families in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will also support facility upgrades and help strengthen Canada's food supply.

CANADIAN CATTLE PRODUCERS TOWN HALL

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

5:30 p.m. PDT / 6:30 p.m. MDT / 7:30 p.m. CDT

8:30 p.m. EDT pm / 9:30 p.m. ADT

Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup 2020 news

Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup was to have celebrated their 13th Annual weekend on August Long weekend 2020. Due to COVID-19 the Roundup committee decided to have a workshop on *How to take cattle photos* with Morgan Ilg.

The competitions were:

Photography and Graphic Marketing. Exhibitors Blake Airey, Chase Airey, Brogan Birmingham, Taylor Carlson, Dylan Frey, Reegan Frey, Kyleigh Magotiaux, Katherine Possberg, Madisyn Robertson, and Alaina Verwey participated in the events.

Everyone will get a Roundup 2020 award for their efforts and you can view the photos and marketing items on the Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup facebook page and our website <https://mbyouthbeefroundup.weebly.com>.

Thanks to our evaluators, Morgan Ilg and Jill Harvie. Along with the competitions, there are some interesting facts of Canada Beef on our Facebook page.

In 2020, Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup will award two scholarships:

\$1000 to Taylor Carlson of Elm Creek

Taylor will be attending Lakeland College to study Animal Science Technology with a Beef Science Major. Taylor has been a 4-H member since she was 8 years old and very active in the 4-H program, the Manitoba Director on the Canadian Junior Shorthorn Board, Sunday school teacher and currently Co President of the Student Council to name a few. Taylor has attended Roundup for the past seven years and currently is a director on the MYBR board. Along with owning her own Shorthorn cattle she is also very passionate about Ag vocation, an educational Livestock Display that her family has created to share the truth about animal agriculture.

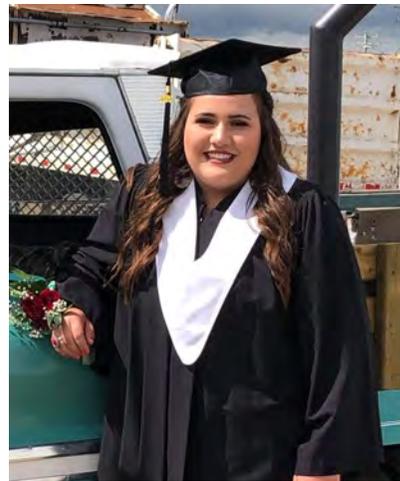
\$500 to Levi Best of Harding

Levi will be attending Apprenticeship Manitoba in specializing in welding for three years. Levi has attended Roundup the last 12 years and is involved in the Manitoba beef industry with his own herd of Angus cattle. Levi grew up in the 4-H program in Rivers 4-H Beef and in 2019 was the President of the Manitoba Junior Angus Association. Levi keeps busy with welding and his LB Custom Clipping.



Congratulations to these two enthusiastic young cattle producers.

Looking forward to Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup 2021. Keep up to date with our Roundup happenings on our [Facebook](#) and [website](#) pages.



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