Beef Series Resource Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides a list of other material which may be of interest and assistance with the 2017 4-H Beef Series and particularly the Master Beef - Pick Your Topic project.

This material is available on the Manitoba Agriculture (MB Ag) website, at your local Manitoba Agriculture office or on the websites of other livestock organizations.

Premises Identification

Premises identification is an essential part of a traceability system. In Manitoba, it links livestock and poultry to geographic locations for better management of emergencies. Under the Animal Premises Identification Regulation, all owners and operators of premises with livestock and poultry must complete a premises identification application.

This fact sheet outlines more information about Premises Identification in Manitoba or please visit the Manitoba Agriculture website at:


Applications for a Premises Identification number can also be obtained at your local Manitoba Agriculture office.

Codes of Practice

Members and leaders are asked to refer to the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Livestock for the species of animal they are raising.

These are publications of the National Farm Animal Care Council. Copies can be printed from their website at:

http://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice

Fourteen Codes of Practice are available, including beef cattle, dairy cattle, equine, goats, rabbits and poultry.
Other Manitoba 4-H Materials

Manitoba 4-H Council 4-H AWE Program
- activities for animal welfare education

Livestock Judging fact sheets - 28 fact sheets including:
  Let’s Judge    Judging Beef
  Judging Meat Cuts  Judging Hay and Haylage
  Judging Sileage  Judging Resources on the Internet

These fact sheets can be ordered from Manitoba 4-H Council or by visiting
www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/rural-communities/4h/club-resources.html

Your local Manitoba Agriculture office may also have farm safety resources available for
borrowing.

Manitoba Agriculture Website

There are a variety of factsheets and articles on relevant topics found at....

Manitoba Agriculture Livestock Production:

Topic areas include:
  Breeding and Reproduction
  Feeds and Nutrition
  Management
  On-farm Food Safety
  Facilities
  Animal Health and Biosecurity
  Research
  Other Links

Topic areas include:
  Alternative Uses/Niche Markets
  Equipment
  Establishment
  Feeding
  Hay/Silage Production
  Pasture Production
  Pest Management
  Quality
  Research and Publications
  Soils and Fertility
  Seed Production
  Species and Variety Selection
  Stands
Business and Economics:

Costs of Production:

Markets and Statistics:

StockTalk—a monthly webinar for the livestock industry.
http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/online-resources/stock-talk.html

Manitoba Beef and Forages Initiatives Inc.: http://www.mbfi.ca/

Other Websites

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
http://www.agriculture.alberta.ca/app21/infopage?cat1=Livestock&cat2=Beef
OR
http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/app21/seltopic?cat1=Livestock&cat2=Beef&page=true
Link to index of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry index of online resources

Canadian Beef Breeds Council http://www.canadianbeefbreeds.com/

Canadian Cattle Identification Agency: http://www.canadaid.com/

Canadian Cattlemen’s Association: http://www.cattle.ca/

Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Livestock Identification and Traceability Program
http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/traceability/description/requirements-for-livestock-producers/eng/1398864061655/1398864128830

Manitoba Beef Producers: http://www.mbbeef.ca/

Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association: http://mfga.net/

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/index.html#beef

Saskatchewan Agriculture, Natural Resources and Industry

Verified Beef Production: http://www.manitobaverifiedbeef.org/

All of the websites listed above may also have links to other information sources. For example the Manitoba Beef Producers website has many links to other beef related sites.
Resources on the Internet and Social Media

The internet can be an excellent source of information whether in print or video format. Be sure to always look for reputable and credible sources when using online resources. Examples of good resources would be sites posted by government or educational agencies. Companies may also post credible information but be aware that they could be promoting their own products and you may wish to find a second opinion.

Pinterest – The Visual Discovery Tool
Pinterest is a social media bulletin board for you to virtually pin pictures of things that interest you to your own personal boards – Pin-Explore-Discover! 4-H Manitoba has a Pinterest account. Each project series has a board full of fun and interesting ideas. There are also boards for 4-H Awesome, Community Service, Volunteers, Communications and Building Blocks. Check it out at www.pinterest.com/4hmanitoba/.

When you are doing a search for beef information on the internet be sure to be specific about what you want to find out - just entering “beef” will yield too many results for you to check and not all of them will relate to what you want to know. For example, try “rotational grazing for beef cattle”, “preparing for a 4-H livestock show” or “judging 4-h beef steers”.

YouTube https://www.youtube.com/
YouTube is an American video sharing website. You can search YouTube for videos on a variety of topics including livestock judging, showmanship and agvocacy.

As with Pinterest, you will want to be specific in your search topics - this will decrease the number of results you find and increase the relevance of the videos you find.