

Manitoba Beef Cattle Performance Association Inc.

Box 1190, Carberry, MB, Canada R0K 0H0

July 15, 2025

Dear Cattle Producer,

As we prepare for our 62nd season, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and trust in the Station. The 2024-25 season was a great success seeing our presence and impact in the industry grow. Without you, the consignors we could not have accomplished it. We would also like to welcome all new consignors joining us for the upcoming season.

The beef industry is an exciting place to be in Agriculture. We are surrounded by progressive producers who are skilled at adjusting to the ever-changing landscape in the industry. This year we have introduced a new Youth Incentive for upcoming beef producers aged 25 & Under. These producers are the future of our industry and our hope is that the Station can be the place they come to begin and grow their presence in the purebred beef industry. If you know of any youth that may be interested please have them reach out for details. We have also added the option to ultrasound and/or complete the 100K DNA test for bulls & heifers. Please choose which you would like completed.

2025-26 Program Offerings:

- **Bull test of 112 days(self fed)**
- **Bull test 112 days (hand fed, minimum 15hd)**
- **Heifer development program (self fed & hand fed)**
- **Retained Bull Development (no option for sale, 2025 calendar year bulls)**

Please find attached your nomination forms for the 2025-2026 development season. The Douglas Bull & Female Development Center encourages consignors to spread the word to all producers in the area so we can make this the best test year yet. As staff we look forward to working with you, and we invite you to call us any time with questions or concerns. We can be reached at the station at 204-763-4696 or on my cell @ 204-856-6568. Our email is bulltest@mynetset.ca

All test bulls and heifers will be eligible for sale. The data collected for Weight per day of Age (WDA) and Average Daily Gain (ADG) will no longer determine sale eligibility but will still be published in our weight reports. All

Bulls and Heifers must pass a breeding soundness evaluation (including semen, scrotal, structure, palpation and pelvic measurements) to be qualified for the sale. **MBCPA charges a 15% commission to sell your animals in the annual sale. This fee applies to any animal entered in the sale regardless of sale outcome.**

Once again, upon arrival, all animals will be vaccinated and de-wormed. Heifers will receive pre-breeding vaccinations prior to sale.

Rules and regulations are available upon request. Consignors are responsible for all extra costs associated with getting your animal to sale day. I.e. Pictures, videos, breeding evaluation, DNA, vet fees, etc. Feel free to contact Cam for a list of 2024-25 expenses.

As a consignor, it is required that you help out during the test season on a weigh day, picture/video days or semen test day. By helping out, it has in the past reduced the cost to consignors. We understand that some consignors either work other jobs or live a long distance away and can't always make it to help.

The fee of \$200 will be charged on your nomination form and will be credited back to your account once you have worked your day.

Cam will request help by email and will require commitment the week prior to weigh day. You must make arrangements with Cam so that there are not 6 helpers for one weigh day and only one on a different day.

Nominations are required by September 15, 2025. If unable to have nomination forms submitted by this date, please contact Cam to verify the number of bulls/heifers that are being sent. By verifying the number of bulls we are able to order feed, organize pens accordingly for delivery and have numbers available. We will accept bulls after this date, but if we have not been contacted in regards to bull numbers it makes it very difficult to plan for the upcoming test season.

Sincerely,

Cam Wood
Manager, MBCPA
204-856-6568

Jeremy Pilkey
President, MBCPA
204-720-1675

Important Dates for 2025-2026

Test Season and 2026 Sale Animals

DELIVERY DATES FOR ALL CATTLE: October 2-6, 2025

Processing from 9:00am – 5pm. Later intake to be arranged directly with Cam

ON TEST: October 25 & 26th, 2025

56 DAY WEIGH: December 20, 2025

84 DAY WEIGH: January 17, 2026

OFF TEST: February 14 & 15, 2026

Weigh days will begin at 1pm

PICTURES: Week of January 26, 2026

ULTRASOUND: Week of February 23, 2026 (tentative)

SEMEN TESTING: Week of March 2, 2026 (tentative)

VIDEOS: TBA

SALE DAY: March 28, 2026

****COPIES of REGISTRATION PAPERS FOR SALE CATTLE ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 1, 2025. A FINE OF \$25/REGISTRATION PAPER WILL BE ENFORCED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025 IF PROOF OF REGISTRATION IS NOT RECEIVED. PEDIGREES WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED UNTIL REGISTRATION PAPERS ARE IN THE OFFICE. ****