

47th Manitoba Beef Producers Annual General Meeting Resolutions Debate

There was one resolution arising from the fall 2025 MBP district meetings held in even-numbered districts where director elections were required. MBP's board of directors also accepted in writing late resolutions for potential debate at the AGM until 9 a.m. Monday, January 5, 2026. No late resolutions were submitted for consideration. The single resolution up for debate is as follows:

CATEGORY: PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

District 2: Whereas wildlife such as deer and elk can cause irreparable damage to stockpiled feed and to a variety of crops, as well as to farm infrastructure such as fences; and

Whereas elk and deer populations have been rising in different areas of agro-Manitoba in recent years, with large herds congregating on farms and ranches, and there is strong agricultural producer interest in the provincial government more regularly conducting surveys to accurately determine population numbers; and

Whereas the Wildlife Damage Compensation for Crop Damage program currently limits compensation for extended grazing forages to 45 per cent of the value of loss on swathed or baled crops or forage, and suitable standing annual crops (e.g. corn) that are intended for grazing, which is not sufficient to meet the needs of affected producers; and

Whereas there are concerns about the potential for disease transmission between wildlife and livestock, which could be very detrimental to the beef industry, as seen with past experiences in Manitoba related to bovine tuberculosis.

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers continue to lobby the provincial government to conduct a thorough analysis of elk and deer populations in agro-Manitoba to determine if there are areas of over-population and if additional management strategies are needed, such as increased hunting opportunities; and

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers continue to lobby the provincial government to provide financial assistance for fencing initiatives or other risk mitigation practices to help reduce the risk of wildlife eating stockpiled feed; and

Be it resolved to recommend that Manitoba Beef Producers lobby the provincial government and MASC to make changes to the Wildlife Damage Compensation for Crop Damage program to increase the level of compensation for extended grazing forages so that it is more reflective of the costs producers incur related to the loss of feeding resources.

GENERAL RULES OF DEBATE FOR THE RESOLUTIONS SESSION

1. Only the 'Resolved' portion of resolution will be read.
2. MBP members in good standing are entitled to move, second, debate and vote on resolutions.
3. The administration bylaw dealing with "members in good standing" is as follows: ***1(b) Every person who is determined by the Board of Directors to be actively engaged in the raising of cattle in Manitoba, and who pays all fees to the Association in the manner and in the amount imposed on sellers of cattle pursuant to regulations made by the Board of Directors from time to time.***

- a. What does this mean? It means that if you have requested a refund in the last 12 months you have not paid all fees to the association as set out by the regulations and are not considered a member in good standing.
4. All delegates moving and/or speaking to resolutions will identify themselves to the Chair, i.e. their name and their district number.
5. In presenting a resolution, the mover will have the privilege to speak first to the resolution.
6. Amendments or substitute motions must be moved and seconded before being spoken to.
7. *Speakers on resolutions will be limited to two speeches of two minutes each.* The second speech will be recognized only after everyone wishing to speak has spoken once.
8. The mover of a resolution may speak again to close the debate.
9. The Chair will read the resolution before voting occurs if it has been amended.
10. All remarks will be directed to the Chair. Remarks include debate, amendments, requests for information, parliamentary inquiries and points of order. Remarks should be germane to the pending question.
11. Voting tools will be used for the votes, e.g. a card, ballot or clicker system.
12. All tie votes are lost votes.

MBP thanks all delegates in advance for their respectful debate of the resolution and topics at hand and also thanks the Parliamentarian for facilitating the debate process.

Resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting are not legally binding on Manitoba Beef Producers but are important in helping to inform sector priorities for action.