



# GRASS ROUTES

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## COULEE CREST FARMS NAMED 2019 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) presented the Radau family and Coulee Crest Farms with the 2019 Environmental Stewardship Award at the ABP Annual General Meeting. Each year, ABP recognizes a cattle operation that demonstrates leadership in environmental stewardship – one that contributes to the land while improving productivity and profitability.

Randy Radau and his wife Sandra have been ranching at Coulee Crest Farms in Red Deer County since 1989. They purchased the farm, which was originally homesteaded by the Radau's in 1929, and assumed management of the purebred Hereford herd. They run a purebred and commercial cow/calf operation and background their own calves. Coulee Crest also has an integrated grain operation where they stubble graze cattle and utilize composted manure on cropland.

"The environment is our lifeblood in an agricultural operation. If you don't take


care of it your operation will fail. We're constantly motivated to make things better for the environment so it takes care of us. It is a complete coexistence," said Randy Radau.

The farm doubled in size with Randy at the helm when additional neighbouring land was purchased to develop rotational grazing and cross fencing systems, allowing them to triple the herd. The operation currently includes 3,500 acres with 1,500 acres of grain production and 2,000 acres in pasture and hay production. The majority of grazing is done in Spruce Coulee which was designated an Environmentally Significant Area by Red Deer County.

The farm is constantly working on environmental improvements and has completed projects through Growing Forward 2 and Ducks Unlimited. Springs were developed and fenced off to provide a fresh water source for cattle, and wetland restoration was completed. Solar powered watering systems are used to pull water offsite from a fenced dugout, keeping cattle away from the source and preventing runoff.

Coulee Crest Farms is home to many wildlife species including deer, elk, moose, a variety of birds, cougars and most recently a grizzly bear. They have designated and fenced areas with native trees for wildlife habitat, which also provide wind shelter for the cattle.

"Our goal is to always try to make one or two significant improvements in sustainability every year. We're really honoured to be named the Environmental Stewardship Award winner. I don't think there's a bigger compliment you can pay to someone who's involved in agriculture than to tell them that they're a good steward of the land," said Radau.

Watch the 2019 Environmental Stewardship Award video here:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ri2EL6k7Vds](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ri2EL6k7Vds) 



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## MOVING FORWARD

Well, we tried. For over nine years, we heard clear messages from producers at fall meetings and delegates at our general meetings that we should pursue a return to a non-refundable \$2 service charge. Responding to this direction from grassroots producers, Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) persuaded the Government of Alberta to amend the Marketing of Agricultural Products

Act, allowing for non-refundable service charges, and a regulation was created for conducting a plebiscite of producers on the matter. We wanted producers, not the government, to decide whether the service charge that funds ABP and the Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) should be non-refundable or refundable.

Between October 13 and November 27 last fall, Alberta cattle and beef producers had the opportunity to make a decision on the future of their industry and funding of their organization. Eligible producers could vote in the plebiscite at ABP fall meetings, at any of the 46 AFSC offices around the province, or by mail. Unfortunately, a relatively small number of producers participated in the plebiscite, as there were 1,874 ballots cast. We don't know how many producers were eligible to vote, but we estimate that there are 6,000-7,000 producers in Alberta for whom their cattle operation is a significant part of their business or lives. By a small margin (51.3% to 48.5% or 54 votes), the producers who cast ballots voted in favour of a refundable service charge.

Clearly, there are a large number of cattle and beef producers who do not feel as strongly about the service charge as the producers who attend our fall meetings and serve as our delegates. The producers who participate in ABP activities and give us direction are concerned about the close to \$2.4 million in industry funding that we lose each year to service charge refunds. They are joined in this concern by the Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association (ACFA), which supported the plebiscite and returning to a non-refundable service charge. Many producers were excited by the potential for the Alberta Beef Industry Development Fund that ABP and ACFA were proposing to create with funding from a non-refundable service charge. Regrettably, we did not see this level of enthusiasm and support from enough producers to favour a non-refundable service charge.

ABP, ACFA, and Marketing Council certainly would have liked to see more producers vote, but we appreciate the interest and effort of those who did vote. In a democracy, decisions are made by the people who participate and we are prepared to honour the decision made by those producers. We think the close vote justifies our decision to hold the plebiscite and at the very least, we have concluded unfinished business from 2009 when the service charge was made refundable by the government with no vote among producers.

Now it is time to lift our heads up, look to the future, and move ABP and the industry forward. Our business is always interesting and there are many challenges to address and opportunities to pursue in the coming years. We are concerned about the low level of engagement in the plebiscite and worry that this lack of interest extends to ABP and the work we are doing on behalf of producers. Our communication efforts during the plebiscite were strong, but communication is a two-way process and the best communications in the world are not effective if people don't care to listen. Nevertheless, we receive direction and support from producers who are committed to the industry and we will continue to be a strong and effective voice for these producers.

With the plebiscite behind us, our focus will be more on doing work for producers and the industry than trying to convince producers that we are creating value for them. It is important to communicate with producers and we will continue using all our communication channels for this purpose, but it is more important to do the work than to talk about the work. Going forward, the industry needs to trust us, the producers you have elected, to invest our personal time and our collective resources for the industry, wisely and efficiently, ensuring the best possible return on this investment. It's time to make the right decisions and get the work done. Do your part as well. Stay engaged!

I told the delegates at our AGM that I work at home to make a living and we work at ABP for the future, the future of the industry and the future of our families. I am confident that our Board of Directors and our staff share this commitment to the future of the industry and your families. ▼

*Sincerely,*

**CHARLIE CHRISTIE**

ABP Chair



**RICH SMITH**  
Executive Director

## CHARTING THE FUTURE

The new year is always a time for reflection and looking to the future. The previous article by ABP Chair Charlie Christie contains both elements of reflecting on the service charge plebiscite and looking forward to the future as we plan ABP activities for the coming years. We were disappointed with the results of the plebiscite and our inability to get more producers interested in the service charge issue and the proposed Alberta Beef Industry Development Fund (ABIDF). However, we now can stop looking back and challenging the 2009 government decision to impose a refundable service charge on the industry. We can direct our attention to looking forward and fulfilling the direction of our 2018 Annual Report by charting the future.

To be clear, there were many issues besides the plebiscite that occupied our attention and resources in 2018, and we see the challenges and opportunities that lie before the industry this year and those to come. Even with a refundable service charge, we still receive substantial funding from the large majority of producers who do not take service charge refunds. We have a responsibility to speak and work on behalf of all cattle and beef producers in Alberta, but we feel a particularly strong obligation to those producers who support us with their check-off dollars.

As we chart the course for our future direction, we take direction from many passionate and

committed grassroots producers who participate in ABP activities and serve the industry as ABP delegates and directors. We wish more producers were engaged in our industry activities and we are always looking for ways to encourage greater producer participation, but we recognize that there is intense competition for the attention of producers. ABP won't let a shortage of producer engagement stop us from doing the important work required to help the industry meet challenges and take advantage of opportunities coming in the next years.

One of the benefits that was created by the plebiscite initiative was the unprecedented level of cooperation and agreement between ABP and the Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association. We don't want to lose the momentum generated by our work together on the plebiscite and we will continue to look for collaborative opportunities and find efficiencies between our organizations. ABP will also be communicating more with other organizations that represent or serve the cattle and beef producers in Alberta. While many producers suggest there are too many organizations in our industry, we have no control over the number of organizations that exist and are prepared to work with all groups that can help make the industry stronger. We held the inaugural meeting of the Cattle Industry Leaders Forum in December and this high-level think tank will meet regularly to consider industry priorities and direction.

One organization that we wholeheartedly support is the Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA). The CCA is our national trade advocacy and policy organization and ABP is their largest provincial member. The CCA played a prominent role in convincing the federal government to ratify the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans Pacific Partnership and Canada is

already seeing increased sales of beef to Japan as a result of the tariff reductions. The CCA also played a significant role in ensuring that the CUSMA following NAFTA did no harm to our cattle and beef industry and is leading efforts to increase beef sales to Europe under CETA.

The benefits provided by the CCA for our industry are supported by a significant investment from Alberta cattle and beef producers. We contribute over one-quarter (53 cents) of the \$2 provincial service charge on Alberta marketings to the CCA and when service charge refunds are included, that commitment represents over one-third of our retained service charge revenue. This year, we will be asking producers who take service charge refunds to consider leaving the money ABP contributes to the CCA (53 cents per head) and the money that would have gone to the ABIDF (40 cents per head) in the industry, even if they take a refund on the remainder of the service charge.

Over the next three months we will develop our strategic objectives for the 2019-20 fiscal year and prepare a budget based on our retained service charge revenue. With provincial and federal elections this year, we will make sure all parties are aware of the issues of importance to cattle and beef producers in Alberta. We will also continue to deal with the public trust and consumer confidence challenges facing our industry. We are charting the future and this and other articles in the newsletter will help you to see the course set by the chart. ▼





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## WHO'S WHO IN THE ZOONOSSES

Zoonoses are diseases that can be transmitted between animals and people. Worldwide, it is estimated that approximately 60 percent of infectious diseases are zoonotic. There are a number of ways zoonoses can be spread between humans and animals; including direct and indirect contact, foodborne, inhalation, and vector borne.

You may be familiar with some of these diseases and methods of transmission already – for example, Lyme and West Nile are vector borne by ticks and mosquitos, *E. coli* infections most commonly occur by eating undercooked meat or raw, unwashed vegetables, airborne transmission is common with the H1N1 flu, and direct and indirect contact is strongly discouraged if an animal dies of anthrax. Some zoonoses are specific to certain geographic areas and species. Our Canadian climate discourages many of the parasitic and vector borne zoonoses present in subtropical and tropical climates. Some have been practically eliminated in both cattle and people (brucellosis, tuberculosis), and other variants, like Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease, have never been contracted in Canada. Milk pasteurization was crucial in reducing the transmission of bovine diseases to people.

About 75 percent of bovine-specific zoonoses have potential worldwide distribution, although some have been eradicated from certain regions, such as cowpox. Some are quite mild and/or easily treated in humans, such as ringworm or pseudocowpox (milker's

nodules), while others can have up to 100 percent mortality if not treated early (rabies). Yes, cows can get rabies – and although Alberta hasn't had a case of bovine rabies in over 20 years, there were two cases in 2018 (MB and ON), and seven in 2017 (SK, MB, ON). Early signs of rabies in cattle can include excessive salivation (frothing), trembling limbs, reluctance to eat, an appearance of choking, bellowing, and aggression.

As calving season approaches, many producers will be spending increased time in close contact with their cattle, whether that be winter feeding, late night checks, assisting with calving difficulties, or treating sick calves. This can increase the risk of being exposed to something that can make you or your family sick. Here is more information on a few common zoonoses in cattle.

While most calf scours are caused by rotavirus or coronavirus (which can be vaccinated against), *E. coli*, *Clostridia*, *Salmonella*, and *Campylobacter* are bacteria that can spread to humans causing varying degrees of gastrointestinal distress. Serious cases in people can result in hospitalization or death. *Cryptosporidium* is a protozoan parasite similar to *Coccidia* that causes calf scours by destroying the inner lining of the intestine, so milk passes through essentially undigested. Often crypto will be mixed with other scour causing organisms, but it is often unresponsive to standard scour treatments. People can contract crypto by coming into contact with feces from infected calves. Most people with healthy immune systems will recover on their own, after about two weeks of vomiting and diarrhea, but about 10 percent of cases require hospitalization.

Q fever has most commonly associated with sheep and goats; however, cattle can contract and carry the disease. Q fever is caused by bacteria that is shed in feces, urine, milk, and birthing fluids/membranes. Generally, Q fever infection won't cause any identifiable symptoms in

cattle, but can cause abortions in sheep and goats. The bacteria that cause Q fever can become airborne when an animal gives birth and that's how people most commonly become infected. Only about 50 percent of people exposed to Q fever will actually get sick, but if symptoms are going to develop, this happens about 2-3 weeks after exposure. Symptoms are similar to the flu with fever, chills or sweats, fatigue, muscle aches, etc. Women infected during pregnancy may be at risk to miscarry or deliver early. Most people will recover without any antibiotic treatment, but about five percent may develop chronic Q fever. This is a serious condition that infects one or more heart valves (endocarditis) and is fatal without several months of antibiotic treatment.

Leptospirosis is caused by bacteria and can infect cattle at any age. Infected animals usually shed bacteria in their urine, placental fluids and milk, but it can also spread through sexual activity. The most common symptom is infertility and/or mid to late term abortions, but cattle can be vaccinated. In humans, Lepto causes fever and flu-like symptoms two to four weeks after exposure for about a week. A second phase of illness may follow one to two weeks later with jaundice, reduced kidney function, irregular heartbeat, and red eyes as common symptoms. Without treatment, hospitalization is often required to treat complications like kidney failure.

Protect yourself and your family from bovine zoonoses by ensuring sound biosecurity protocols are in place. This includes limiting access of young, old, pregnant, and immunocompromised people to sick cattle, wearing personal protective equipment (gloves, masks, goggles, waterproof coveralls/apron) as appropriate, isolating sick animals and visiting them last, using separate equipment to work with sick and healthy animals, staying up to date on vaccinations, disinfecting and covering any scratches or bites thoroughly, washing your hands well and frequently, and letting your doctor know you work with animals. 🐾



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## ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TOP OF MIND FOR 2019

The beginning of the year is already proving to be interesting and with no shortage of issues and opportunities to develop sound policy positions, and provide recommendations to government on a variety of topics. In the first few weeks in January, the three main topics most prevalent to the beef industry have been the new Canada Food Guide, the Bighorn Country proposal from Alberta Environment and Parks, and the upcoming provincial election.

On Canada's Food Guide, we continue to engage with media and ensure our position is well known to the public, and to Health Canada. We have done several interviews already with various media outlets and will continue to support Canada Beef and the Canadian Cattlemen's Association with the message that meat, dairy, and eggs can play a significant role in a healthy balanced diet, and provide essential nutrients (complete protein, iron, vitamin B12, zinc, magnesium) to benefit human health. Disregarding these benefits would be extremely unfortunate and dangerous, and we fear minimizing meat intake could be unnecessarily detrimental to the health of many Canadians, especially those lacking the necessary nutrients beef can provide.

There's been controversy and rhetoric around the Bighorn Country proposal, and it is important for beef producers to cut through the clutter and fully understand how the proposal impacts grazing disposition

holders in the area and their neighbours. ABP has struck a Bighorn Working Group to review the Bighorn Proposal, raise concerns we may have with it, and participate in government consultation meetings. We will also submit a letter with recommendations for improving the proposal to ensure grazing stakeholder interests are maintained. Engagement in the proposal is also an opportunity to express greater provincial recommendations on public land management and land use planning. To see our draft briefing notes on the Bighorn Proposal, go to: [www.albertabeef.org/producers/policy-regulation](http://www.albertabeef.org/producers/policy-regulation)

Many of the issues we will work on this year are environmentally focused since conservation and stewardship, while ensuring economic viability, are a priority for beef producers and to the public. For example, this will include working with Alberta government staff on how to improve agricultural coexistence with wildlife programs while preventing or minimizing conflict with best management practices, and a complementary predator compensation program. We already agree on the importance of healthy wildlife populations but need to ensure we have good management and programs in place to reduce any negative impacts of wildlife depredation on agricultural land.

Another topic that ABP will lobby for this year is to recognize good stewardship on both grazing dispositions and private land in support of Canada's international commitment on conservation and biodiversity. Canada's commitment to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity is to achieve targets of 17 percent of land conserved for biodiversity in Canada by 2020, which is a worthy goal. However, while parks, for example, could be an important contribution to this goal, they are not the only way to conserve land. Under UN guidelines for Other Effective Conservation Measures (OECMs), we believe public lands under grazing dispositions that are

healthy and well managed will be able to contribute greatly to the 17 percent, without the necessity of protected parks. If grazing dispositions are accepted as contributing to this target, this recognition will also support our interest in valuing the ecosystem services that raising cattle provides (see Fred Hays' Grass Routes Winter 2018 article - [www.albertabeef.org/producers/newsletter](http://www.albertabeef.org/producers/newsletter)) such as clean water, abundant wildlife, and carbon sequestration. In addition, this will help build public trust by demonstrating how raising livestock can play a significant role in environmental sustainability.

Since this is an election year, it will again be important to build relationships with newly elected officials and ensure our MLAs are well informed of our policies, concerns, and ideas. We are organizing lunches in February 2019 at the Canadian Beef Centre of Excellence with each main political party (Alberta Party, NDP and UCP) to voice our opinions for a sustainable and viable beef industry while showcasing the centre. Meetings such as these will ensure government is aware of any policies that could impact our industry.

In addition, one of our goals this year in government relations and policy is to continue coordinating and collaborating with other beef industry organizations, agriculture commodities and stakeholder organizations that we share common goals such as conservation, occupational farm and ranch safety, farm labour issues, taxation, public trust, research investment and extension, and other government policies and programs. While each organization may have a particular, nuanced stance on various issues, it is important that we share information and coordinate our efforts in the best interests of beef producers in Alberta. ▼



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## ALL FOR THE BEEF EXTENDED

The beginning of 2019 marks the wrap of our first two years of the All for the Beef marketing campaign. Our plan was to collaborate with venues that host small and large audiences, giving ABP the greatest opportunities to highlight the Alberta Beef brand with as many consumers as possible. The main target audience was the urban population, but we also chose venues that had the greatest potential of crossover with cattle producers. This gave producers who support ABP an opportunity to see their dollars in action. Our main presence was the use of video assets that played on large super screens at these venues, as well as on-site activations.

The last two years saw ABP at:

- All Northlands major events, Edmonton
- Calgary Stampede
- Big Valley Jamboree, Camrose
- Country Thunder, Calgary
- Christmas In November, Jasper
- Mealshare/ABP restaurant initiative

The summer of 2017 saw Alberta Beef Producers engage with the Calgary Stampeders and Edmonton Eskimos. These opportunities were something we would have liked to continue, but due to limited resources, we had to direct our attention elsewhere.

As the first two years come to a close this spring, we are excited to extend the campaign for another three years. Along with our marketing agency, we are analyzing the campaign's impact on audiences and

determining what venues will be utilized for the summer of 2019. Expect to see some of the same events with the possibility of adding new ventures as well. The spring issue of Grass Routes will outline where you can find Alberta Beef this coming summer.

The revamp to the current Beef in the Classroom manual is complete and has been renamed as All for the Beef teacher resources. The new program has been launched and is available on the ABP website ([www.albertabeef.org](http://www.albertabeef.org)) for teachers and other individuals looking for resources to support beef preparation and cooking education. The information was sent out across the province to schools and has been met with positive response. The new resources include a teacher manual, student learning booklet, market cards, recipe cards and chef skill cards, as well as a test bank. We will continue to promote the new program and increase visibility through advertising methods and [www.albertabeef.org](http://www.albertabeef.org).

The second phase of the education revamp will be focused on kindergarten to grade six resources. We have started negotiations with a company to develop the new resources and plan to have them available in the fall of 2019. We continue to be a full member of the Classroom Agriculture Program and last year volunteers educated over 23,000 grade four students across the province.

ABP is supporting the Edmonton Valley Zoo through sponsorship of their cow enclosure. This urban farm will operate year-round and educate zoo visitors about where their food comes from. ABP provided financial support to the Glenbow Ranch for their education program and signage throughout the park discussing the positive influence of cattle cohabitating in a public park setting.

ABP will continue to evaluate sponsorship opportunities at events that provide space to connect with consumers about Alberta Beef, and keep beef top of mind. ▼

## AGM REPORT: RESOLUTIONS

"Be it resolved that ABP request the Solicitor General direct and require the Royal Canadian Mounted Police respond with the authority given them, and paid for by the people of Alberta, to property crimes in rural Alberta. And that the crown pursues these crimes for conviction and incarceration be appropriate for the crime."

### **Zone 1, 8 - Carried**

"Be it resolved that ABP consult with other agricultural commodity groups to lobby the government under a united front for better protection of rural residences and the right to protect ourselves, our families and our property."

### **Zone 7 - Carried**

"Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta government to address excessive regulations governing smaller abattoirs with the aim of promoting their economic viability everywhere throughout the province."

### **Zone 5, 6 - Carried**

"Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta government to change regulations to allow for mobile inspections for on farm harvesting of beef to allow for the sale of beef by producers."

### **Zone 9 - Defeated**

"Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association and the Alberta government to certify vet techs to be qualified to preg check on a non-exporting basis, to enable producers to access preg testing services."

### **Zone 1 - Carried**

"Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta government to get a decent way of dealing with drugs for animals."

### **Zone 9 - Defeated**

"Be it resolved that any producer with a valid 'Producer Herd Health Protocol' (prescription) from a

veterinarian be able to fill it (get medication/vaccines) at a vet clinic, UFA, Hardware store, Feed Store, etc.”

**Zone 9 - Defeated**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government to reinstate the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency Mobile Field Representatives.”

**Zone 1, 2 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta government to reinstate previous funding levels back to Western Canadian large animal veterinary schools.”

**Zone 1 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP support Alberta Lamb producers to lobby Fish and Wildlife to not create arbitrary “buffer” zones on protecting Bighorn sheep.”

**Zone 2 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP strengthen it’s lobby to the provincial government to address the increasing wildlife/ livestock conflict issues, seeking solutions to the present state of mismanagement of provincial wildlife that presently exists and that the solutions go beyond the call for compensation due to wildlife damage or predation.”

**Zone 3 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP work with other agricultural commodity groups to lobby the provincial government for greater input on all issues regarding wildlife (i.e. timing of hunting season; bag limits; Alberta Conservation Association; compensation of agricultural losses).”

**Zone 7 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP approach the Federal and Provincial government to review the compensation that is awarded to producers in regard to wildlife damage (especially goose and duck damage) to their crops and swath grazing.”

**Zone 4 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta Solicitor General requesting that they increase the number of Fish & Wildlife officers to allow for a more timely and effective response to

wildlife predation and ungulate grazing of private property.”

**Zone 9 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby Alberta Fish and Wildlife and Parks Canada to monitor and control infected ungulate populations that are known to carry Liver Flukes and that may transmit this parasite to cattle populations.”

**Zone 2 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP should ask government to change legislation for paid access for hunting and all other recreation to help cover the increased costs of fire fighting liabilities on private land, no matter who, or how fires are started.”

**Zone 2 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta government to make available more grazing area in the McKenzie County.”

**Zone 9 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP direct check-off dollars to increase funding for forage research and lobbying at the national level through the Canadian Forage & Grasslands Association.”

**Zone 5 - Defeated**

“Be it resolved that ABP educate producers on the value of age verification to encourage more reliable age verification.”

**Zone 2 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP supports the allowance that source identification of calves and information (birth dates and dates of vaccination and medication treatments) be available to all sectors of the industry (including premise of birth, backgrounding premises, feedlot premises and harvest facility).”

**Zone 7 - Defeated**

“Be it resolved that ABP do everything in their power to make the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency RFID tag information transparent (limited to premise identification and producer identification).”

**Zone 2 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP do more to promote the nutritional and

environmental benefits of beef through increased use of targeted, digital marketing, directly with consumers, especially with millennials.”

**Zone 6, 8 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP broaden our promotion to the Alberta Education curriculum to Junior and Senior high school students. Teaching, in addition to the nutritional benefits of beef, an expanded knowledge on animal husbandry practices and environmental benefits.”

**Zone 6 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP consider starting post secondary scholarships going towards agricultural studies.”

**Zone 8 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that the check-off be made mandatory at all slaughter facilities as a one-time payment. Not taken off at each time the animal changes ownership.”

**Zone 4 - Defeated**

“Be it resolved that ABP go to a single point check-off.”

**Zone 8 - Defeated**

“Be it resolved that ABP look into reducing the number of delegates from 6 to 3 per zone.”

**Zone 2 - Defeated**

“Be it resolved that should the plebiscite go through as non-refundable, that ABP ends the Cattle Feeder Council in 2 years to improve on overall efficiencies and less confusion within government as to who represents the cattle feeding sector.”

**Zone 2 - Redundant**

“Be it resolved that ABP should be provided the name and address from willing producers, whom check off dollars are remitted to ABP.”

**Zone 6 - Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the government to ensure lab grown and synthetic meats or alternative plant-based proteins not be allowed to be labelled as beef or meat.

**Zone 6 - Carried ▼**





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# 2019 DELEGATE DIRECTORY

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# 2019 ABP BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The 2019 Executive was elected in December at the ABP AGM with Charlie Christie (Trochu) re-elected Chair, Kelly Smith-Fraser (Pine Lake) re-elected Vice Chair, and Melanie Wowk (Beauvallon) re-elected Finance Chair.

ABP welcomes the 2019 Board of Directors. Front row (left to right): John MacArthur (Fairview), Sheila Hillmer (Del Bonita), Kelly Smith-Fraser (Pine Lake), Charlie Christie (Trochu), Melanie Wowk (Beauvallon), Jesse Williams (Hanna) and Assar Grinde (Bluffton).

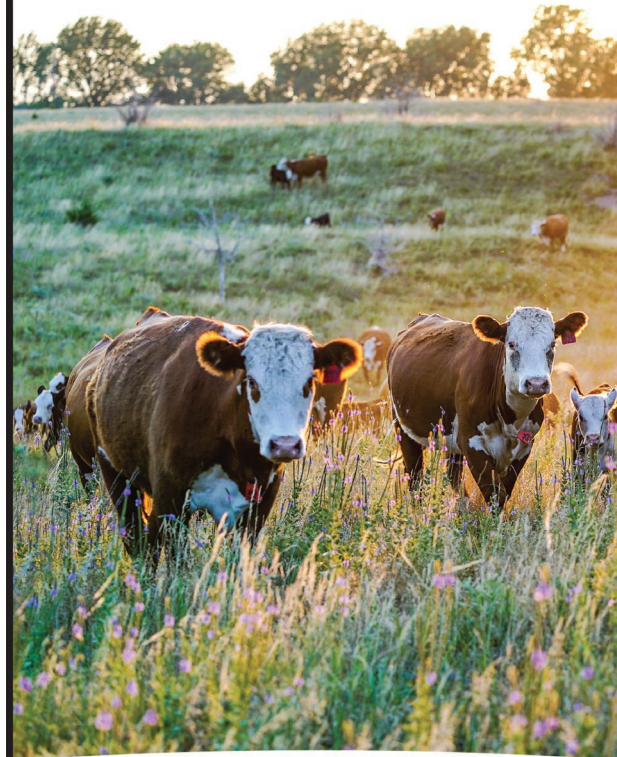
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