



Animal Health and Protection

Manitoba's Beef Producers have taken on significant costs and responsibility to help ensure the control and eradication of TB in Riding Mountain National Park ecosystem. These efforts are preserving Canadian export markets and are therefore delivering significant benefits to entire Canadian livestock sector and the Canadian economy as a whole.

Unfortunately governments have not met their commitments and responsibilities. This has resulted in an ongoing failure to eradicate TB from Riding Mountain National Park ecosystem. Further, Manitoba's Beef Producers are carrying costs resulting from government imposed testing requirements. Producers are also incurring market losses. Producers are not fully compensated for these costs, despite the "public good" benefit of their actions.

Eradication of TB in the Riding Mountain National Park Area

- A lack of coordination between government departments combined with no clear mandate and accountability for the eradication of TB in the Riding Mountain National Park ecosystem has led to critical failures and missed objectives. For example, the Government has failed to meet its commitments to sample elk and white-tailed deer in and around Riding Mountain, a crucial element in the control and eradication of the disease.
- Because eradication responsibilities have not been met, Manitoba Beef Producers are requesting that Manitoba Agriculture Food and Rural Initiatives should take over management of the eradication and control programs. This should be done under Section 4 of the *Animal Disease Act*
- A TB Coordinator should be appointed and given the mandate to eliminate TB from the Riding Mountain National Park ecosystem. The TB Coordinator should report directly to the federal and provincial Ministers who share jurisdiction and responsibilities in this area.

Adequate Compensation for Producers

- Manitoba Beef Producers face significant costs when they participate in mandatory testing programs. Producers are not fully compensated for these costs.
- Manitoba Beef Producers face significant losses if TB is found in their herds. Producers are not fully compensated for these losses.
- **Manitoba Beef Producers should be fully compensated for the costs that they incur when they participate in mandatory testing programs.**
- **Manitoba Beef Producers should be fully compensated for the losses they face when TB is found in their herds. This includes marketing losses during quarantine periods.**

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