

# News from

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## **Manitoba Cattle Enhancement Council revises levy refund policy**

**Winnipeg, January 10, 2008** – The Manitoba Cattle Enhancement Council has simplified its refund policy. The new more flexible policy, which came into effect on January 1, 2008, reduces paperwork for producers and the council and replaces the former six month deadline and twice-a-year refund application process.

Producers can now apply for a refund on receipts that are post-marked or received within one year after the month end in which the fee was deducted. Also, producers are to accumulate a minimum of \$30 in receipts before submitting a refund application. Receipts for less than \$30 may be submitted at the end of the calendar year.

MCEC administers an investment pool that goes to support made-in-Manitoba solutions for a long-term, viable beef industry in Manitoba. The pool is funded by a mandatory but refundable \$2 per head levy on all cattle sold by Manitoba producers. The province is matching the levy for the first three years so every \$2 becomes \$4.

The council's mandate is to invest in initiatives that will lead to increased slaughtering and processing capacity, or that will enhance the market for value-added cattle products. Proposals for funding are evaluated by the council's Investment Advisory Committee, which is comprised of cattle industry and investment specialists.

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