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## First meetings held to address key cattle issues

(Calgary, Alberta) October 28, 2008 – The first of 31 Alberta Beef Producer (ABP) fall meetings were held across the province Monday evening. The meetings are meant to be informative sessions where opinions can be raised along with concerns, suggestions and questions.

“We encourage all producers to come to their local meetings,” said Erik Butters, ABP Chairman, and a Cochrane cattle producer. “There have been some key issues raised in the last 12 months that affect every cattle producer across Alberta. This is the perfect opportunity to learn about them.”

With nine zones across the province, 31 meetings will host elections, discussions and guest speakers. See below for meeting locations, dates, times and speakers.

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### 2008 Alberta Beef Producers Fall Producer Meetings and Elections

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| <b>Zone 1</b> | <b>All Meetings 7:00 pm start</b>  |
| Oct 28        | Milo, Community Hall<br><i>Erik Butters, ABP Chairman</i>  |
| Oct 30        | Medicine Hat, Ralph’s Bar and Grill<br><i>CCIA Representative</i>                                      |
| Nov 4         | Vauxhall, Legion<br><i>Reynold Bergen, ABP Animal Health &amp; Welfare Manager</i>                     |
| <b>Zone 2</b> | <b>Meetings 6:30 pm start</b><br><b>With a Free Supper 5:30 pm</b>                                     |
| Oct 30        | Lethbridge, Perlich Brothers Auction Market<br><i>Rob Leslie, CANFAX Manager/Senior Analyst</i>        |
| Nov 3         | Fort MacLeod, Auction Market<br><i>Ryder Lee, CCA Manager of Provincial Relations</i>                  |
| <b>Zone 3</b> | <b>All Meetings 7:00 pm start</b>  |
| Oct 27        | Cochrane, Ranch House<br><i>John Masswohl, CCA Director Government &amp; International Relations</i>   |
| Oct 28        | Sundre, West Country Centre<br><i>John Knapp, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development</i> |
| Nov 3         | Longview, Community Hall   |

Nov 4 *Andrea Brocklebank, CCA Research Manager*  
Strathmore, Golf and Country Club  
*Dr. Sandra Honour, Agri-Food System Branch,*  
*Agriculture and Rural Development*

**Zone 4 All Meetings 7:00 pm start**

Oct 27 Metiskow Hall  
*Dr. Sandra Honour, Agri-Food System Branch,*  
*Agriculture and Rural Development*

Oct 29 Veteran, Community Hall  
*John Masswohl, CCA Director Government*  
*& International Relations*

Nov 3 Bigstone, Community Hall  
*Jake Kotowich, Livestock Product Quality Branch*  
*Agriculture and Rural Development*

Nov 5 Killam, Legion Hall  
*Ryder Lee, CCA Manager of Provincial Relations*

**Zone 5 All Meetings 7:00 pm start**

**Free supper at 6:00 pm**

Oct 27 Big Valley, Community Hall

Oct 29 Leslieville, Community Hall

Nov 4 Spruce View, Community Hall  
*Ryder Lee, CCA Manager of Provincial Relations*

**Zone 6 All Meetings 7:00 pm start**

Oct 28 Camrose, Regional Exhibition  
*John Masswohl, CCA Director Government*  
*& International Relations*

Oct 30 Ponoka, Legion  
*John Knapp, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development*  
*David Andrews, Canadian Cattlemen's Market Development Chairman*

Nov 3 Breton, Community Hall  
*Brad Wildeman, CCA President*

**Zone 7 All Meetings 7:00 pm start**

**Free supper at 6:00 pm except \***

Oct 27 Hattonford, Beaver Meadows Community Hall  
*Rob Leslie, CANFAX Manager/Senior Analyst*

Oct 30 Newbrook, Community Hall  
*Speaker TBA*

Nov 3 Mayerthorpe, Legion Hall  
*Darcy Davis, CAFTA & International Trade Discussions*

Nov 5 Westlock, Memorial Hall  
\* Supper at 5:30  
*Brian Nilsson, Beef Industry Discussions*

**Zone 8 All Meetings 7:00 pm start except \***

Nov 12 Flat Lake, Community Hall  
*Speaker TBA*

Nov 13 Marwayne, Community Hall  
*Speaker TBA*

Nov 14 Hairy Hill, Community Hall  
\* 6:00 PM free supper  
*Speaker TBA*

**Zone 9 All Meetings 6:30 pm start**  
**With a free supper, beef on a bun, at 6:00 pm**

Oct 27 Manning, Battle River Agricultural Hall  
*Speaker TBA*

Oct 28 Fairview, Dunvegan Inn  
*Speaker TBA*

Oct 30 Grande Prairie, Stonebridge Hotel  
*John Masswohl, CCA Director Government*  
*& International Relations*

Nov 4 Valleyview, Memorial Hall  
*Speaker TBA*