



MBFI E-NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2023

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Since September 2022, our team has seen familiar faces rejoin us, with two of our past summer students joining full-time. After previously spending the 2021 & 2022 summer seasons with us, Maeghan McDonald and Josie Pedersen returned in full-time capacities. Maeghan has continued to excel in building her skills in the Research Technician position since September 2022. Josie returned to our team in May 2023, taking on an Extension Coordinator position. We are excited to see Josie take on this new role through the summer and return in January.

As August draws near we wish them both the best in Saskatoon as Maeghan begins her studies of veterinary medicine, and Josie completes her agriculture degree.



Maeghan McDonald
Research and Farm Technician



Josie Pedersen
Extension Coordinator

AUGUST FIELD DAY

This summer we will be hosting our MBFI field day on August 10th for producers and industry members at our Brookdale location.

This event will showcase on-farm technology and water systems used here at MBFI. Multiple topics will be covered including solar watering systems and monitoring tools from FarmSimple, the impact of high utilization grazing systems, and mineral Horn fly control

This event is a great way to learn about technology and systems that are available for integration into your own operation.

Watch your email and our social media pages for more details!



ADVANCED GRAZING SYSTEMS MANITOBA TOUR

In addition to our August MBFI Field Day, we will be hitting the road this summer and traveling to different regions round Manitoba for the Advanced Grazing Systems Tour. Bus tours will be located in the Westman, South-East, Interlake, and Parkland regions. Each of the four tours are collaboratively planned and hosted by an Advanced Grazing Systems (AGS) Mentor, MB Agriculture livestock and forage extension specialists, local watershed districts, Manitoba Beef Producers, and Ducks Unlimited. Each tour will be unique featuring local operations, networking with AGS Grazing Mentors, and industry representatives. The tours are planned to start early afternoon with group transport by bus rounding out the day with either a BBQ or catered dinner.

This will be an excellent opportunity to network with fellow producers and learn from experts as we explore grazing systems throughout Manitoba.

Watch your email and our social media pages for details on these tours!

SAVE THE DATES:

Westman - July 24th

SouthEast - August 22nd

PROJECT FEATURE

This summer, we are excited to enhance our collaboration with Ducks Unlimited Canada in Conservation Trust funded project **Amplifying success in grassland restoration and enhancement: Connecting extension, agronomy, and incentive programs**. Using on-farm demonstration trials, producers will have the chance to gain knowledge in establishing forage stands and rejuvenating tame pastures. The **Perennial Living Libraries** demonstration project, in collaboration with the Manitoba Agriculture Diversification Centres, showcases DUC designed forage blends as well as commercial blends and representative legume and grass varieties (up to 57 plots!) from **Northstar Seed, DLF Pickseed, and BrettYoung** at the MBFI Brookdale & First Street Pasture, PCDF and PESAI locations. **A BIG THANK-YOU to the team at PCDF for bringing down their small plot seeder to establish the plots!!**

In the two other demonstrations, MBFI will be establishing the **DUC marginal area blend** along a wetland in an annually cropped field at the Brookdale site to combat lower productivity and salinity issues. At the First Street Pasture we have **sod-seeded a comparison** of three different legume mixes **sponsored by Northstar Seed** to revitalize the marginal pasture.

This is an exciting opportunity for us to connect on-farm demonstrations with DUC agronomy and incentive programs for grassland restoration and enhancement. MHHC is pleased to partner with MBFI to support nature-based approaches to climate change. The Conservation and Grow Trusts are Manitoba Climate and Green Plan Initiatives, administered by MHHC.

SYDNEY GERELUS



Hometown: Shoal Lake, MB

Study: Animal Science

School: University of Saskatchewan

Future Plans: Working in livestock nutrition and management or veterinary medicine

Remarks on MBFI: I applied here to gain experience with livestock research and different aspects of beef cattle production.



JAYNE LESLIE



Hometown: Austin, MB

Study: Agribusiness

School: Assiniboine Community College (ACC)

Future Plans: Continue to work in the beef industry

Remarks on MBFI: I toured MBFI in the fall with ACC and it got my interest so I applied. I enjoy learning about the research and beef production crossover.

MEGAN HARRIS



Hometown: Brandon, MB

Study: Biomedical Science

School: Brandon University

Future Plans: Working in the medical field, preferably veterinary medicine

Remarks on MBFI: I applied here to gain experience working with cattle. I like the community the staff forms and the goal-oriented leadership in the research being done.



EMILY SPEERS



Hometown: Alexander, MB

Study: Agribusiness

School: Assiniboine Community College (ACC)

Future Plans: Continue running a pure-bred Simmental operation and showing cattle

Remarks on MBFI: I applied here because it is a great place to learn new things, and I enjoy the hands on experience with cattle and field work.

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