



# Manitoba Beef & Forage Initiatives Inc.

## JOB OPENING – BEEF RESEARCH TECHNICIAN

Brandon, Manitoba

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Manitoba Beef & Forage Initiatives Inc. (MBFI) is a not-for-profit centre of agricultural innovation engaging in research and on-farm demonstration to support the beef and forage production sectors. MBFI is seeking a Beef Research Technician to carry out animal husbandry, farm, and research activities.

### Job Type

- Fulltime 40 hours per week
- In-person at farm stations based near Brandon, Manitoba
- Primarily in outdoor working conditions
- Duties require potential overtime in peak agricultural seasons and in response to herd management

### Key Responsibilities

- Carry out on-farm research and demonstration project activities
- Animal husbandry for all classes of cattle including,
  - o Herd health management for cow-calf operations, including daily wellness checks
  - o Low-stress handling and processing of livestock
  - o Safe transportation of livestock
  - o Annual review of herd health and nutrition protocols
- Data management for VBP+ and on-farm research and demonstration activities
- Develop grazing rotation and extensive grazing plans in collaboration with Research Coordinator
- Check and maintain electric and barbed-wire fence around and within farm stations.
- Check and maintain watering systems including remote solar and winter waterers
- Operate and maintain farm equipment for beef cattle production practices
- Support extension activities and demonstration project development
- Support summer student training and workplace health and safety compliance

### Job Qualifications

- Experience in carrying out beef research trials considered an asset; we are also willing to train.
- Minimum of five (5) years experience in beef cattle and forage production, VBP+ training certification considered an asset.
- Mandatory to have a valid class 5 driver's licence in good standing.
- Mechanical aptitude with experience operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting farm tractors, implements, and towing trailers.
- Strong communication skills in English with a positive attitude and strong work ethic.
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively in a team setting.
- Experience in welding, carpentry, or electrical work is considered an asset.
- Position involves physical work, kneeling and bending, heavy lifting 50+lbs in all weather conditions.

MBFI is committed to creating an inclusive work environment and welcomes applications from all qualified candidates.

Review of applications will begin Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, anticipated start date of Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**HOW TO APPLY:** Interested applicants please forward a cover letter and resume to: [admin@mbfi.ca](mailto:admin@mbfi.ca)