



Andrea Bertholet is the new Livestock and Forage Extension Specialist in southwestern Manitoba, working out of the Killarney office. Andrea has a degree in Animal Science from the University of Saskatchewan where she wrote an undergraduate thesis on the impact of implants on performance and carcass quality of beef cattle. Andrea completed the Canadian Cattlemen's Mentorship Program in 2014. She was active in her local Beef 4H club growing up and continues to support the 4H program. Andrea has worked since 2012 as the department's farm extension specialist focusing on delivery of the Environmental Farm Plan and sustainable agriculture programs. Andrea has also covered a work term as our livestock specialist in Virden. For two years, she was an extension coordinator answering producer calls and coordinating extension events. Andrea grew up on a beef farm, and operates a 300 cow beef herd with her husband and family at Cartwright. Andrea is excited to get back to working directly with producers in the southwest and focus on livestock and forage production again!

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Cindy Jack is the joining the department as the Livestock and Forage Extension Specialist in the Interlake, working out of the Arborg office. Cindy recently graduated with distinction with an Animal Science degree from the University of Saskatchewan. She wrote an undergraduate thesis on the impact of nutrition on fetal growth and development in the final trimester in beef cattle. Cindy grew up on a beef farm near Portage la Prairie, has a Class 3 driver licence, and has continued to be actively involved in the farm operation. Cindy brings experience with research plots, crop scouting, and client relations from her previous work with Cargill, Syngenta Canada, and Nutrien Ag Solutions. She also had a nine-month work term on a dairy farm in New Zealand, milking cows and caring for calves. Cindy was an active member of her local 4H club for over 10 years and held a number of executive positions.

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Kristen Bouchard-Teasdale is the returning to the department as Livestock and Forage Extension Specialist in eastern Manitoba, working out of the Beausejour office. Kristen brings extensive experience working with livestock producers. She was the department's livestock and forage specialist in St. Pierre for five years and also held roles as a livestock nutritionist and Environmental Farm Plan program officer. Kristen has a Animal Science degree and Masters of Agriculture from the University of Manitoba. Working with Dr. Kim Ominski at the university, Kristen researched the impact of tannins in the diet on the performance and methane production of steers. Prior to completing her degree, Kristen also worked on beef cattle pasture field trials at the university. Kristen has taught courses in the Diploma of Agriculture program and prepared course materials for soil health workshops at the university. Kristen grew up on a cow-calf farm near Fisher Branch and continues to help her parents with their farm operation. In Kristen's free time she enjoys travelling with her family, improving her Spanish speaking skills and growing a ridiculous amount of pumpkins and gourds.

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