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Increased Slaughter Capacity Good For MB

Winnipeg – An increase in local slaughter capacity is critical for Manitoba’s beef industry, and Keystone Agricultural Producers is pleased to learn that new capacity is slated to come on stream in 2008. Natural Prairie Beef Inc. announced its plans to purchase and upgrade a facility in Winnipeg with financial support from the Manitoba Cattle Enhancement Council this week.

“Local facilities mean that we can add value to our beef here in Manitoba, and it’s important for the long-term sustainability of the sector,” says KAP President Ian Wishart. “This expansion will create new jobs in Manitoba, and is proof of agriculture’s positive contributions to our economy.”

The facility, once operational, will accept conventionally and “naturally” raised beef, and will target niche markets. Specialized, local slaughter facilities are part of the solution to protecting Manitoba’s farm families from border closures, which can economically cripple an agricultural sector.

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