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***Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies Board (MAAS)***

**NOTE:** This board is composed of civil servants and representatives from organizations outside of government. The Superintendent of Agricultural Societies is listed below.

**Board Members**

Thelma Blahey +

+ Civil Servant

**Mandate:**

To provide a strong organization to act as a single voice for all agricultural societies in Manitoba.

To encourage improvement in agriculture, food productions and rural living.

**Authority:**

*The Agriculture Societies Act*  
*The Civil Service Act*

**Responsibilities:**

The Board acts on behalf of and for the benefit of Agricultural Societies in Manitoba and represents 59 Agricultural Societies and approximately 12,000 members within the province of Manitoba.

**Membership:**

The government is responsible appointment of the Superintendent of Agricultural Societies is identified in 2 (1) Appointment of superintendent in *The Agricultural Societies Act* and the Civil Service Act.

The MAAS board is composed of district representatives who are selected by the agricultural society districts and the superintendent of Agricultural Societies who sits as an ex-officio on the board. The MAAS Board is comprised of not less than 14 and not more than 20 directors.

**Length of Terms:**

Superintendent serves as a civil servant. Terms are open.

**Desirable Experience:**

- Experience in the field of agriculture
- Familiarity with farming practices.
- Background and interest in Manitoba's farming legacy and future advancements.

There is no formal educational requirement; however, potential board members should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the cultural and social values associated with Manitoba's agricultural industry, including but not limited to issues of rural living, farming, advances in farming, and the social changes resulting from an evolving rural and farming landscape.

**Time Commitment:**

Four meetings per year (full day). For each of the full day meetings, executive members are responsible for meeting the evening prior to the full day meeting.

In addition, each director sits on a committee that may require four hours or more per month time commitment (meeting times are at the discretion of committee members).

As well, the board is responsible for planning the annual conference, which requires an additional time commitment (time commitment dependent on the role each Director has –ranging from 10 to 25 hours per month).

An additional meeting following the conference was held by video conference and this may be implemented on a permanent basis.

**Meetings:**

Location: Meetings are generally held in either of two locations;

- 50% in Brandon
- 50% Portage la Prairie.

Frequency: Quarterly

**Remuneration:**

No remuneration from the province.