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**To:** All Interested Beef Producers  
**From:** Nova Scotia Cattle Producers  
**Date:** March 31, 2025  
**RE:** 2025 Minudie Community Pasture Information

Please find enclosed the various forms that must be filled out and returned to the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers regarding the 2025 Minudie Pasture season.

Please return the enclosed forms to the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers before **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Pasture Opening Date: Week of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (tentative)**

**Pasture Closing Date: October/November 2025**

*\*\*We will provide two weeks' notice for pasture closure (dependent on weather conditions)*

**The fee structure for the 2025 Minudie Pasture will be:**

	<b><u>Helping on Pasture</u></b>
Annual Pasture Fee (one per patron)	\$20.00
Pasture Fee per Cow/Calf Pair	\$70.00
Pasture Fee per Single	\$70.00
Breeding Fee Per Cow or Heifer	\$25.00

*\*The season will comprise of turn-out date (tentatively the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>) to pasture closing date (October/November, weather dependent). Season closure may change based on pasture and weather condition.*

*\*\*15% HST will be added to the above season fees.*

**Please note:** There will not be a set caretaker on-site, if a patron is sending cows to calf on pasture, it is at the patron's own risk.

Enclosed are the application and supporting forms. If you have any questions, please contact [office@nscattle.ca](mailto:office@nscattle.ca).

**ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE FOR 2025:**

Patrons willing to help on pasture will form an operations committee and the NSCP Managing Director will select the Chair for this committee for 2025. The committee will work together to provide any labour required for fencing, pasture improvements and cattle movement. Workdays authorized and tracked by the Committee Chair may be eligible for compensation if funding can be secured, or funds from pasture fees are available. All equipment and materials costs for this work will be preapproved by the NSCP Managing Director and will be paid for, or reimbursed, by NSCP.

## MINUDIE COMMUNITY PASTURE GUIDELINES:

- Do not send cattle with horns, testicles, or tempers. All cattle are to be dehorned and castrated sufficiently early in the season to ensure proper healing before being brought to the pasture. Cattle with horns/sore or infected horns or castration lesions will not be admitted.
- By signing the 2025 Minudie Community Pasture Application, patrons are declaring that none of their animals are breachy, either as jumpers or fence crawlers, and shall agree to assume full responsibility in this respect, as well as for any animals which may become excessively wild during the season.
- No cattle are allowed on the dyke. If it is determined that cattle were permitted on the dyke, either with intention or indifference to these guidelines, they will be removed from the pasture at the expense of the patron.
- All cattle should be vaccinated in consultation with your veterinarian. Cattle should also be dewormed prior to arrival and may be treated for internal parasites during the grazing season. All calves must be treated with Nasalgen prior to arrival.
- The breeding fee charged on all females placed in the breeding pasture will not be refundable.
- **Patrons must be a current NSCP Licensee.** Contact the NSCP office with questions.
- **All cattle must be tagged with a CCIA identification number prior to entry. CFIA will be doing site visits to Community Pastures to ensure identification requirements are met.** All cattle must be triple identified: one ear will have a dangle tag with an identification number; the other ear will have a fly tag (if available), or a second dangle tag with patron's initials. Further information on required identification will be provided with your application acceptance.
- All cattle will be weighed and CCIA tags will be scanned upon arrival and before leaving the pasture. Cattle turned out without complying with this requirement will be removed from the pasture at the patron's expense. Cattle arriving without CCIA Tags will be rejected.
- If an animal, at the time of entry to the pasture is considered to be diseased, sick, maimed or otherwise capable of creating an undesirable situation in the pasture herd or continuing hazard to other animals, such an animal may be refused admittance to the pasture.
- When the services of the veterinarian are considered necessary in the interest of an animal's health or wellbeing, a veterinarian may be called and treatment carried out and charged to the patron. When practical, the patron will be contacted before such treatment is administered, in the event that the patron wishes to remove said animal from the pasture. Decisions regarding the necessity of veterinary attention in such cases shall be the responsibility of those coordinated by the NSCP to check cattle.
- If an animal should die while on pasture, they may be sent for a necropsy at the patron's expense to determine the cause of death.
- Please review the transportation guidelines ahead of transporting cattle to the pasture: <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/humane-transport/health-of-animals-regulations-part-xii/eng/1582126008181/1582126616914>
- Livestock will only be released on round-up dates, unless said animals are sick.

- Any animals not removed by the pasture closing date, or animals whom full payment has not yet been completed, will be transported and sold at the immediate following feeder sale at the Atlantic Stockyards Ltd. The net proceeds will be released to the patron.

*Example: sale proceeds – (transportation of cattle, pasture fees + marketing costs) = net proceeds*

- Patrons shall comply with the foregoing regulations. Any outstanding amounts owing are considered a debt and shall be recoverable in a court.
- It is requested, although not required, that patrons sending cattle to pasture for the season provide proof of liability insurance, in case of any misfortunes which may arise.
- **A deposit of 50% of total season fees, plus HST, is due with your application and will be required for animals to be accepted to pasture. The remaining 50% of fees will be due July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.** Any veterinary and/or medication costs will be charged back to the patron at cost. Medication will be administered on an as-needed basis, with a \$5.00 fee charged over and above the medication fee per treatment.
- **Please sign and return the enclosed forms, along with 50% of your total season fees, by April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to the Nova Scotia Cattle Producers. Cattle will be turned out tentatively the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. No animals will be turned out for pasture before the announced date.**
- Payment can be made the following ways:
  - E-transfer: [nscp@agricommodity.ca](mailto:nscp@agricommodity.ca)
  - Cash or cheque. Cheques can be made payable to the NSCP.
  - Credit card (a 3.5% surcharge will be applied); can be made by calling (902) 893-7455.

***As a Patron of the Minudie Pasture and entering cattle on pasture, you agree that the data collected during the pasture season is owned jointly by the patron and the Minudie Pasture and that any data accessed, processed or otherwise submitted to third parties, including National Breed Associations can be released without condition, to the Minudie Pasture.***