

# LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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The Hon. Rosann Wowchuk  
Minister of Agriculture and Food

The Hon. Jean Friesen  
Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

The Hon. Oscar Lathlin  
Minister of Conservation

Dear Ministers:

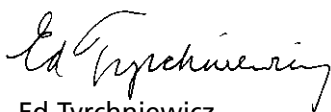
We are pleased to submit our report on expansion of Manitoba's livestock sector, entitled *Sustainable Livestock Development in Manitoba: Finding Common Ground*. The report summarizes our consultations with Manitobans, together with our conclusions and recommendations.

The Panel is convinced that "common ground" can be found for sustainable livestock development in Manitoba. However, it will require commitment and action by the Government of Manitoba and the livestock industry to deal with the many concerns about the impact of livestock expansion on Manitoba's environment and rural landscape. It will also require a greater willingness on the part of opponents of the livestock industry to recognize that sustainable livestock development is not inherently bad. We believe this report contains recommendations and suggestions that can be used by all to find the "common ground".

We wish to acknowledge the overall quality, sincerity and thought-provoking nature of presentations, submissions and discussions that we have had with a broad range of people and organizations during our public meetings and subsequent deliberations. The assistance and professionalism of your staff was of great value to us in our work; we sincerely appreciate their efforts.

It has been our pleasure to undertake this challenging assignment!

Respectfully submitted,



Ed Tyrchniewicz  
Chair of Panel



Nick Carter  
Member



John Whitaker  
Member