



# **Manitoba Clean Environment Commission**

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# What is an EFP?

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- ❑ An Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is a **VOLUNTARY, CONFIDENTIAL, SELF-ASSESSMENT** of a producer's own farm or ranch.
- ❑ The plan assists the producer in identifying their environmental assets and risks and developing a action plan to address the risks on their operation.

# Why Manitoba Developed EFPs

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- ❑ A main objective of the AAFC's Agricultural Policy Framework is to advance Canada's role as a world leader in environmentally responsible agricultural production.
- ❑ To realize this goal a national initiative for agri-environmental farm planning is currently underway across Canada.

# Development of the EFP Process In Manitoba

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- **In the fall of 2002 the Manitoba Rural Adaptation Council (MRAC) became involved in the Environmental Farm Planning (EFP) process through consultation with AAFC/PFRA, MAFRI, KAP and other stakeholder groups and organizations.**

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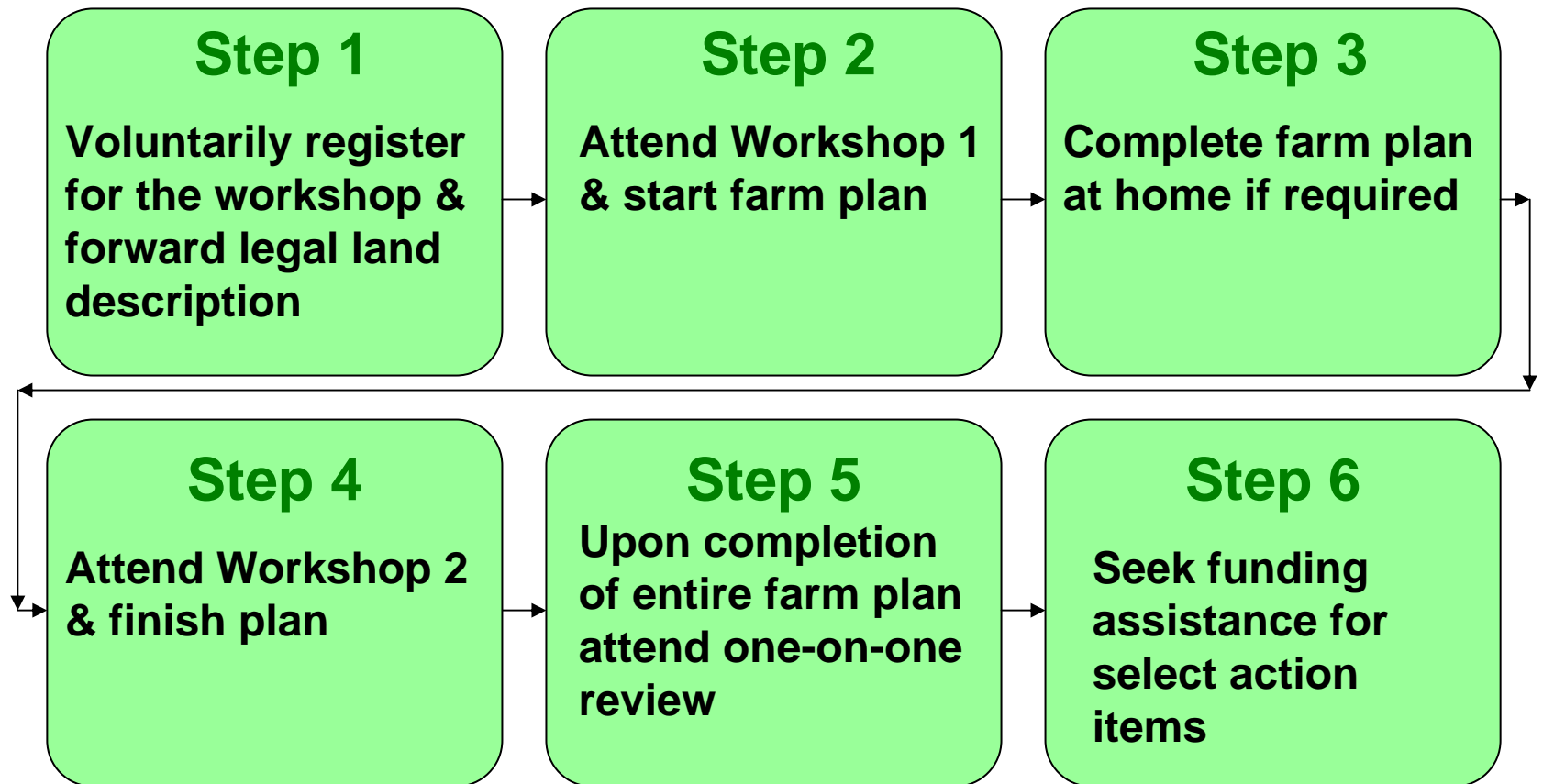
## Development of EFPs cont'd

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- **The primary role of FSAM, in cooperation with partners (AAFC/PFRA & MAFRI) and stakeholder agencies (eg: CD's, MHHC, commodity groups), is the delivery of EFP's to Manitoba producers who wish to voluntarily participate in the process.**

# The EFP Delivery Process

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# EFP Delivery cont'd

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- **When a producer voluntarily registers for a workshop, there are no associated costs to the producer. All material and assistance is supplied at no charge.**
- **A producer must attend a workshop in order to receive an EFP workbook.**



# The EFP Workbook

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**The EFP Workbook is comprised of 3 primary sections:**

- Section A – Natural Risks**
- Section B – Management - Assets & Risks**
- Section C – ‘My Environmental Farm Plan’**

# EFP Workbook cont'd

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## Section A:

- **Analysis of natural risks on the land that the producer manages using a variety of tools.**
- **Includes analyzing farmsite(s) and field groupings**

# **EFP Workbook cont'd**

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## **Section B:**

- **19 subsections divided into farm & field site categories**
- **Producer only completes the subsection or questions that pertains to their operation**

# EFP Workbook cont'd

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## □ Section B cont'd:

- **Addresses a variety of environmental concerns, and**
- **Asks producers how they manage these concerns on their operation.**

# EFP Workbook cont'd

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- The chapters within Section B are:

## FARMSTEAD SITE

- 1-Water Source Protection & Management
- 2-Feed Storage
- 3-Nuisance Control
- 4-Fertilize Storage & Handling
- 5-Pesticide Storage & Handling
- 6-Storage of Petroleum Products
- 7-Management of Farm Wastes, Mortalities & Hazardous Products
- 8-Livestock Facilities & Wintering Sites
- 9-Storage & Transport of Livestock Manure
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## FIELD SITE

- 10-Soil Management
- 11-Commercial Fertilizer for Crop Production (Nutrient Management)
- 12-Pest Management (Crops & Livestock)
- 13-Field Crop Management
- 14-Horticultural Production
- 15-Pasture Management
- 16-Water Bodies, Natural Areas & Biodiversity
- 17-Drainage & Irrigation
- 18-Manure Application (Livestock & Off-Farm Sources)
- 19-Energy Efficiency

# **EFP Workbook cont'd**

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## **Section C –**

### **'My Environmental Farm Plan'**

- **This section deals with the development of appropriate action plans for the higher risk items based on the producers priorities, timelines and financial resources**

# EFP Review

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- Upon completion of EFP Workbook the producer may wish to move forward with a confidential review of their plan.
- The EFP Review is voluntary, confidential and one-on-one with a FSAM Regional Coordinator and is conducted in a neutral location.

# EFP Review cont'd

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- **The intent of the EFP Review is to provide a supportive, credible process that will assure the producer that the action plan developed by them when implemented will be of benefit to him/her and their family and further contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment and enhance agricultural sustainability.**



## EFP Review cont'd

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- It is important to note that the EFP Workbook resides with the producer at all times.
- Upon the completion of a successful review, a 'Statement of Completion', and CMFSP application form is then forwarded to the producer.

# Canada-Manitoba Farm Stewardship Program (CMFSP)

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- ✓ **Objective - to accelerate the adoption of beneficial management practices (BMPs).**
- ✓ **Cost-shared incentives are available to producers for the implementation of BMPs to address on-farm environmental risks.**
- ✓ **Criteria and principles for 30 BMPs have been developed at the National Level as a guide.**
- ✓ **BMPs negotiated and customized for each province – all 30 are delivered in Manitoba.**

# Canada-Manitoba Farm Stewardship Program cont'd

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- ✓ **Maximum incentive available per farm unit over the life of the program will be \$50,000. (to March 2008)**
- ✓ **Federal cost sharing**
  - **30% (> producer benefit < public benefit)**
  - **50% (< producer benefit > public benefit)**

# Canada-Manitoba Farm Stewardship Program cont'd

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- To March 31, 2007 AAFC/PFRA has approved 3,665 projects for a total federal commitment of \$17.8 million
- Producer commitment through the CMFSP program during the same time frame is approximately \$42.5 million.

# Where We Are Today

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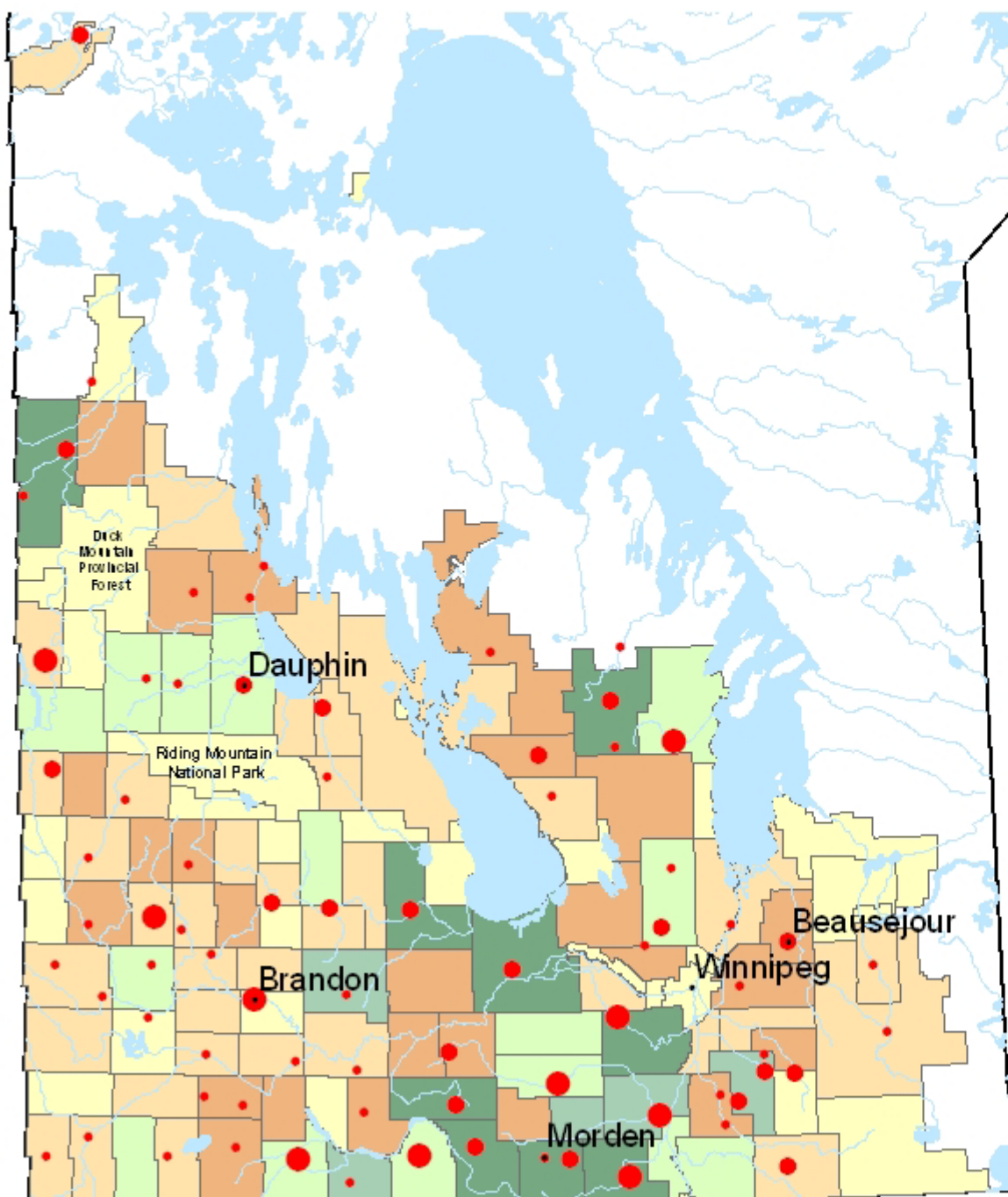
- As of March 31, 2007 (including pilot phase):

## Workshop Activity:

Workshops Held (1 & 2) 702

Producer Participation 5,306  
(attendance at W 1 & 2)

On a percentage basis **92%** of producers who attend Workshop 1 return to Workshop 2



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- 1 - 3
- 4 - 7
- 8 - 13

### Number of Participants

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- 41 - 60
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- 81 - 100
- > 100

• PFRA Manitoba Offices

### Delivery of Environmental Farm Planning

The Farm Stewardship Association of Manitoba (FSA-M) plays a lead role in delivering the EFP program in the province in cooperation with Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI) and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) Manitoba Health and Safety Administration (AAFC-MHSA).

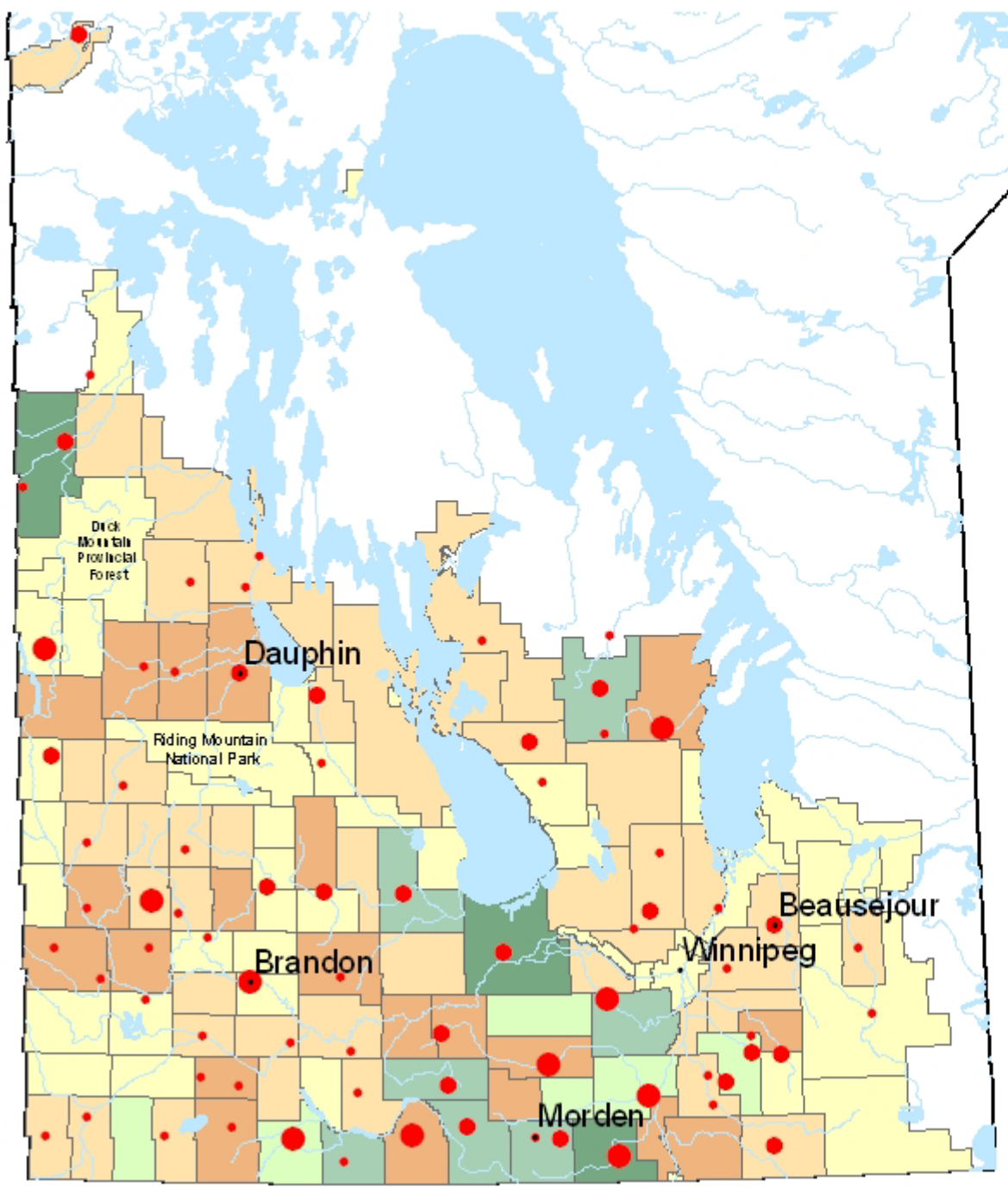
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# Where We Are Today cont'd

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## EFPs Reviewed:

Statement of Completions Issued	4,132
Percentage of Producers who have had their EFP Reviewed	78 %
No. of Acres under Reviewed EFPs	6.7 Million
Farm Types:	
- Mixed (Grain & Livestock)	1,938
- Grains & Oilseeds	1,647
- Livestock	518
- Other (Hort., Agro-Forestry, Aquaculture, etc.)	29



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# EFP Survey

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- In a recent random exit survey producers provided the following comments:
  - 91% of respondents would recommend the EFP process to others
  - 80% of respondents had (or were in the process of) implementing on-farm environmental improvements outside of any incentive programs

# EFP Survey cont'd

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## □ Producer comments:

**"I found that we were already doing a good job in regards to the environment and where we could make further improvements."**

**"Just looking at the farm from this point of view raised my awareness about a number of issues."**

# For Further Information:

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