

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA:

These are the reasons for this petition:

1. The Provincial Government's changes to Crown Lands regulations will make life harder and more expensive for Manitoba producers.
2. The changes opened the market to out-of-province corporate renters by removing the requirement that renters do the work on the land which will make it easier for big corporations to outbid the next generation of producers.
3. The Provincial Government reduced leases from 35 years to 15 years.
4. The reduction in lease years will not only impact a producer's ability to hold onto their land, it will also disincentivize young producers from starting up.
5. The Provincial Government also removed the ability to transfer units, making it impossible for producers to coordinate transfer of their leases when they sell their private land.
6. Crown Lands' rents have increased by 300-400% and have put many producers at risk of losing their farm.
7. Over the last two years, hundreds of producers have held town halls, sent letters and emails, and made hundreds of phone calls advocating against the changes by the Provincial Government.
8. Manitoba producers need predictable and affordable access to Crown land leases.

We petition the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba as follows:

To urge the Provincial Government to reverse its changes to Crown land leases to ensure stability and security for Manitoba producers and the economy.

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