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PRESS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE FROM THE BEEF PEN SHOW COMMITTEE**

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Medicine Hat – The Beef Pen Show committee of the Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede would like to inform the public that the Beef Pen Show and Cowboy Christmas Trade Show scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 has been CALLED OFF.

According to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), currently 50 cattle ranches have been quarantined due to the Bovine Tuberculosis outbreak investigation in Southeast Alberta and Southwest Saskatchewan. Due to the lack of adequate information from CFIA, the Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede had no choice but to take the precautionary measure of calling off the Beef Pen Show for 2016. (please refer to the [CFIA website](#).)

The Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede takes the health of cattle seriously. Although this was a difficult decision, it was made with the best interests of the Canadian Cattle industry in mind.

In 2015, there were close to 600 head of cattle showcased, including purebred, commercial and 4-H cattle. The overwhelming amount of support over the past 19 years has been tremendous and the show will return December of 2017 for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Jim MacArthur, General Manager at the Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede.

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About the Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede

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Rich with tradition and history- the first Exhibition & Stampede was held in 1887 and consisted of livestock exhibits. The purpose of this exhibition was to bring urban and rural people together which is still happening 129 years later!

Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede is the largest agriculture society in South Eastern Alberta. Each year, it is estimated that our economic activity brings over \$5 million to our local economy.

We are open year round and host an array of events, including trade shows, concerts, festivals, sporting events, horse shows, weddings and meetings

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