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Results of Alberta beef industry plebiscite

The unofficial results of the plebiscite were officially announced by Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Oneil Carlier, this afternoon. 1,874 producers voted in the plebiscite, resulting in 962 producers supporting a refundable check-off and 908 in favour of returning to a mandatory, non-refundable service charge. Spoiled ballots made up the remaining four votes. These results are preliminary. Final results will be shared after December 11, following a two-week period when members can contest the results. Media release from the Government of Alberta: <https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=62159984B555C-B107-336B-3275C82375A40DE4>

The Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association worked with the Alberta Beef Producers on what we felt was a good Agreement that benefitted the entire industry. "I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to engage in discussion and for voting in the plebiscite," said Ryan Kasko, ACFA Chair. ACFA will continue to work in a collaborative fashion and drive operational efficiencies within the industry. Over the coming months, we will work diligently with partners to ensure the health of our industry.

The Memorandum of Agreement put forward in the Plebiscite was developed jointly and voted on at the ABP and ACFA Board and AGMs, resulting in the opportunity for all producers to cast a vote. We would like to thank the Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council and the Alberta Beef Producers for driving this effort. We also thank Minister Carlier for enabling the plebiscite to take place. ACFA respects the decision of producers and in the coming weeks, will work closely with industry partners to forge a path forward.

Our industry faces remarkable potential and ACFA will continue to take the lead and leverage opportunities for the benefit of our members, the cattle feeding sector, and the industry as a whole.

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Thank you for your continued support,

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