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То:	All Beef Producers
From:	Management Committee, Maritime Beef Testing Society
Date:	September 19, 2023
RE:	Fee Payments to Maritime Beef Testing Society

The Test Station continues to be the only multi-breed testing facility in Canada which performs this high level of genetic evaluation of bulls. The amount of information collected and analysis provided by using the GrowSafe System is second-to-none in the country.

As you are aware, the last number of years have been challenging, and we have made changes to the program and fees. The Management Committee of the Maritime Beef Testing Society continues to evaluate and make changes to ensure the financial viability and long-term future of the facility.

- A deposit of 50% of the total entrance fees is now due, in the amount of \$549.13 (\$477.50 + HST). This can be paid by cash, cheque, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or email money transfer to <u>mbts@agricommodity.ca</u>.
- Bull entries will only be accepted by breeders who do not have an outstanding balance with the Maritime Beef Test Station.
- All producers who enter a bull must be a member of the Maritime Beef Testing Society, the fee is \$25.00 (\$28.75 + HST).
- Half of the total entrance fee must be paid by the time the bull arrives at the Test Station, in the amount of \$549.13 (\$477.50 + HST). This covers all Test fees, aside from feed and vet visits (if required).
- A late payment fee of \$100.00 per bull will be charged for entrance payments not received by November 30, 2023.
- A \$150.00 per bull payment is due by February 1, 2024. This deposit will be counted towards your final billing.
- Bulls of owners with outstanding account balances will not be eligible for the 2024 Breeding Stock Sale.