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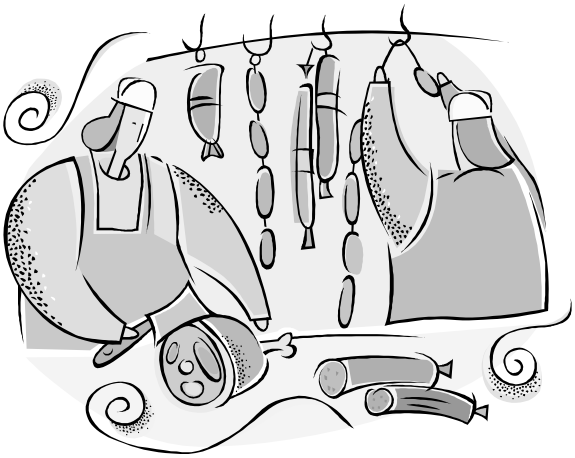
Melville Success Story

Tank's Country Meats – Glen Tank

Tank's Country Meats (TCM) is located on the family farm three miles south of Melville on Highway 47. Glen and his wife Karen moved out to the farm seventeen years ago and started TCM in 1990 as a way to diversify the farm. They both agree that this was one diversification project that really paid off.

When the abattoir became very busy, it became necessary for Glen to rent out his farm for five years and when the renters gave up the lease he started raising bison. Today they have a herd of 65 bison, grow all of their own feed and market the bison through their abattoir.

Glen will slaughter and process beef, pork, lamb and wild boar as well as bison and elk. They are the only slaughter facility for bison in the region. They slaughter and process bison for a number of producers. They have a frozen meat counter on the farm where they sell their own meat to the public. Glen also makes his own sausage.



When they started their abattoir they applied for an SBLA loan from the South Parkland REDA to purchase equipment. They started small with only Glen and Karen working at it on a part-time basis but that soon changed. The business became very successful and Glen soon hired two full-time employees to assist him with the growing demand for his services. The business has continued to grow and this past summer TCM went through another expansion in order to accommodate the increased demand for slaughtering both bison and beef. Glen now employs three full-time employees as well as seasonal workers.