



Clear Hills County

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Policy Number **6303**

Title: **PEST CONTROL POLICY**

1. Definitions:

- 1.1. Pest - pest or nuisance as defined in the Agricultural Pest Act, Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations

2. Purpose:

- 2.1. To manage currently established pest populations and reduce widespread infestations and damage.
- 2.2. To prevent establishment of pests that are not currently established within the county.

3. Policy Statement

- 3.1. Clear Hills County recognizes the need to assist agricultural producers with managing pest populations and preventing introduction of foreign pests that negatively affect livestock production and/or crop production.

4. Responsibilities

4.1. Education

- 4.1.1. Agricultural Services will make available educational materials and information for agricultural producers regarding animal husbandry, livestock pest and disease management and crop pest and disease management.
- 4.1.2. Agricultural Services will make available resources and tools for managing pest populations and for preventing establishment and spread of introduced pests.
- 4.1.3. Agricultural Services will provide awareness and education to the general public regarding identification of agricultural pests, expected response of public, and potential impact of pest outbreaks.

4.2. Monitoring

- 4.2.1. Inspectors, or designates, may conduct surveys as requested by Alberta Agriculture.

4.2.2. Administration may inform the public of the general results of any surveys conducted by county inspectors or designates.

4.2.3. Inspectors may conduct other surveys as determined by the Agricultural Service Board.

4.2.4. Clear Hills County may contract pest surveys to third party agencies.

4.3. Inspectors

4.3.1. Inspectors will be trained in pest identification, management techniques, and control measures.

4.3.2. Appointed inspectors will hold valid Form 7s for the use of Compound 1080 tablets.

4.3.3. Inspectors will investigate all pest related complaints.

4.3.4. Inspectors will not issue control material or devices if such measures will endanger public safety, domestic animals or wildlife (as defined in the Wildlife Act).

4.3.5. Inspectors may issue Compound 1080 tablets for coyote control to stop coyote predation of domestic livestock.

4.4. Public Property

4.4.1. Clear Hills County will control nuisances on public land only if the Agricultural Fieldman determines that;

4.4.1.1. the population of the nuisance organism or disease meets or exceeds economic thresholds and,

4.4.1.2. the nuisance organism is a threat to agricultural production of adjacent agricultural producers and,

4.4.1.3. affected producers will also control those nuisances on their adjacent land in the affected area.

5. **Reference to Legislation**

5.1. Agricultural Pests Act

5.2. Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations of Alberta

5.3. Weed Control Act

5.4. Animal Health Act

6. End of Policy

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