

**AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
June 13, 2016**

The Agricultural Service Board meeting of Clear Hills County will be held on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the County Office, Worsley, Alberta.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - a. **March 18, 2016 2**
4. **Delegation(s)**
5. **BUSINESS ARISING**
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Activity Report 8**
 - b. **Trade Show 2016 11**
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Regional ASB Conference 14**
 - b. **2017 Operating Budget Prep..... 15**
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 - b. **Community Development Manager Report 35**
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**MINUTES OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Worsley, Alberta
March 18, 2016**

PRESENT

Brian Harcourt	Chair
Leslie Davis	Member
Stan Logan	Member
Charlie Johnson	Council Representative
Mackay Ross	Member
Baldur Ruecker	Deputy Chair

IN ATTENDANCE

Audrey Bjorklund	Community Development Manager
Sarah Hayward	Community Development Clerk
Aaron Zylstra	Agricultural Fieldman
Al Fletcher	Agricultural Fieldman

IN REGRET

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harcourt called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Member Ross entered the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Deputy Chair Ruecker entered the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

AGENDA

AG33(03/18/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the agenda governing the March 18, 2016 Agricultural Service Board meeting with the following additions:

- 4 C. Delegations: Dave Bannow – Organic Alberta Conference 10:50 a.m.**
- 7 H. Rental Equipment – Land Roller**
- 7 I. Member Davis Resignation** **CARRIED.**

AG34(03/18/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board adopts the minutes of the February 8, 2016 Agricultural Service Board Meeting as amended. **CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Report

The Board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.

AG35(03/18/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the March 18, 2016 ASB Activity Report as presented. **CARRIED.**

Pollinator Habitat
No-Mow Program

The Board is presented with revisions to Policy 6304 Roadside Vegetation Control for proposed Pollinator Habitat No-Mow Program.

AG36(03/18/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council adopt Policy 6304 Roadside Vegetation Control that has been revised to include the proposed Pollinator Habitat No-Mow Program as presented. CARRIED.

Clubroot of Canola
Policy 6306

The Board is provided with a revised draft Clubroot of Canola Policy 6306, so that they can review the amended wording as requested at the last meeting, before presenting it to Council for their consideration.

AG37(03/18/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council adopt revised Policy 6306 Clubroot of Canola Policy as presented. CARRIED.

Agricultural Improvement
Policy

The Board is provided with Policy 6302 Agricultural Improvement Policy with the requested revisions around reimbursing some costs for producers that attended agricultural focused Conferences and Workshops.

AG38(03/18/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Rucker that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council adopt Policy 6302 Agricultural Improvement Policy with revisions to include reimbursing costs for producers that attended agricultural focused Conferences and Workshops as presented. CARRIED.

Farm Family Award

The Board is presented with Farm Family nominations from the Hines Creek area (Ward 2) for the County's annual Farm Family Award. Two Farm Family nominations were received.

AG39(03/18/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board table the Farm Family nominations to later in the meeting.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

Peace Country Beef
& Forage Association

Peace Country Beef and Forage Association (PCBFA) Manager, Monika Benoit, will be presenting an update, by conference call at 10:20a.m., on the 2015 Environment Stream partnership program and present the plans for the 2016 program. Also presented will be updates on the PCBFA programs, funding and direction.

AG40(03/18/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the delegation from Monika Benoit, Manager, Peace Country Beef and Forage Association on the 2015 Environment Stream partnership program and 2016 programming. CARRIED

ADD-IN
Dave Bannow

Following up on Resolution AG26(02/08/16) David Bannow was in attendance at 10:50 a.m. to present on the Organic Alberta Conference he attended on February 25 and 26, 2016 in Olds, Alberta.

AG41(03/18/16)

RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the delegation from David Bannow on the 2016 Organic Alberta Conference that was held on February 25 and 26, 2016 in Olds, Alberta.

Curt Hale

Curt Hale was scheduled to attend the meeting at 11:30 a.m. to present information on his Cocktail Cover Crops experience and the benefits to his cropping process. Mr. Hale had to cancel and his delegation will be included in the next available ASB meeting.

Chair Harcourt recessed for a break at 11:10 a.m.
Chair Harcourt reconvened at 11:16 a.m.

Farm Family Award

This item was tabled earlier in the meeting.

AG42(03/18/16)

**RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board bring the Farm Family nominations off the table.
CARRIED.**

AG43(03/18/16)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board approve the 2016 Farm Family to Frykas Farms and purchase a gate sign to a maximum of \$300 to present at the County's Agricultural Trade Show banquet on April 9th, 2016.
CARRIED.**

Trade Show
April 9, 2016

Administration is requesting Board members to participate in the Agricultural Service Board booth at the Trade Show to promote agricultural services and get feedback from the visitors.

AG44(03/18/16)

**RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the Agricultural Service Board booth schedule and discussion around the 22nd Annual Clear Hills County Agricultural Trade Show being held on April 9, 2016 at the Dave Shaw Memorial Complex in Hines Creek, Alberta.
CARRIED.**

Promoting Farm
Publications

Chair Harcourt is requesting a round table discussion on how to encourage local producers to read the Alberta Farmer, Northern Horizon and Peace Country Sun, due to valuable information that is included in these publications.

AG45(03/18/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board accept for information the discussion around the valuable and useful agricultural information that is included in

	<p>articles in Alberta Farmer, Northern Horizon and Peace Country Sun. CARRIED.</p> <p>Chair Harcourt recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m. Chair Harcourt reconvened from lunch at 12:32 p.m.</p>
Quackgrass	<p>Councillor Johnson requested to have a discussion around elevating Quackgrass to a prohibited noxious or noxious weed in the County. Currently Quackgrass is not listed as a prohibited or noxious weed in the <i>Weed Control Act</i>, and Couch Grass (Aka Quackgrass) is considered a prohibited noxious weed seed in the <i>Weed Seeds Order</i>.</p>
AG46(03/18/16)	<p>RESOLUTION by Councillor Johnson that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council elevate Quackgrass (Couchgrass) as a Noxious weed within Clear Hills County and that the County lobby to have it elevated to a noxious weed in the entire province. DEFEATED.</p>
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u> Alberta Farm Animal Care Funding	<p>The Board purchased a membership to Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) in 2015, and did not include funds in the 2016 budget. AFAC has invoiced for 2016 and provided information for the Board's consideration. The Board is requested to decide if a membership would be valuable to the County or not and if so request funds be included in the 2016 budget.</p>
AG47(03/18/16)	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council include \$500 in the 2016 Operating Budget for an Alberta Farm Animal Care membership. CARRIED.</p>
Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS)	<p>The Board is presented with an update to Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS).</p>
AG48(03/18/16)	<p>RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to arrange an Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) joint meeting with M.D. of Fairview No. 136 and M.D. of Peace No. 135 in October 2016. CARRIED.</p>
Events	<p>The Board is presented with events for their consideration.</p>
AG49(03/18/16)	<p>RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agricultural Service Board authorize the attendance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair Harcourt and Deputy Chair Ruecker to attend the Fusarium Graminearum Workshop on April 7, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Girouxville Community Hall.• Chair Harcourt and Deputy Chair Ruecker to attend succession planning Workshop on March 30th, 2016 at the Community Hall in Debolt, Alberta. CARRIED.

Rental Equipment	Chair Harcourt requested rental equipment be added to the March 18, 2016 agenda. Board members have been approached by ratepayers requesting a land roller and a breaking disc be considered as additional rental equipment items.
AG50(03/18/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agriculture Service Board direct administration bring back information on 30 to 40 foot land roller to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.
AG51(03/18/16)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agriculture Service Board direct administration bring back information on a 14-16 foot breaking disc to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting. CARRIED.
Board Member Resignation	Member Davis informed the Board that he is resigning from the Agricultural Service Board effective April 25, 2016.
AG52(03/18/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agriculture Service Board accepting Member Davis's resignation from the Agricultural Service Board effective April 25, 2016 and recommend Council advertise the Member at Large vacancy. CARRIED.
<u>REPORTS</u> Agricultural Fieldman Report	At this time the Agricultural Fieldmen will have an opportunity to present their reports.
AG53(03/18/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the March 18, 2016 Agricultural Fieldmen reports for information. CARRIED.
Board Reports	At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports. Councillor Johnson: Peace Country Beef and Forage Annual General Meeting at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta on February 26, 2016. Member Logan: Cover Crops in Rycroft, Alberta, Peace Country Beef and Forage Annual General Meeting at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta on February 26, 2016. Member Davis: Tactical Farming Conference on February 10-11, 2016 at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino in Calgary, Alberta and Alberta Beef Industry Conference on February 17-19, 2016 in Red Deer, Alberta. Deputy Chair Ruecker: Peace Country Beef and Forage Annual General Meeting at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta on February 26, 2016. Peace Country Classic on March 10-11, 2016 in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

Member Ross: Organic Conference in Olds Alberta on February 25-26, 2016. Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance Wetland Workshop on February 19, 2016 in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

Chair Harcourt: Peace Country Beef and Forage Annual General Meeting at the Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview, Alberta on February 26, 2016, Peace Country Classic on March 10-11, 2016 in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

AG54(03/18/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Logan that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of March 18, 2016 for information. CARRIED.

**INFORMATION &
CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board is presented with correspondence to review.

1. Alberta Farm Animal Care – E-Newsletter – (63-02-02)
2. Back Forty Newsletter - (63-02-02)
3. The Pest Insider – (63-02-02)
4. Alberta Bear Smart Conference – (63-02-02)
5. Peace Country Beef & Forage Association – Winter 2016 – (63-02-02)
6. Permaculture in the Peace Country – (63-02-02)
7. News Release – Warkentin Calls on Liberal Government to take action on Grain Transportation – (63-02-02)

AG55(03/18/16)

RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board receives the Information & Correspondence of March 18, 2016 as presented. CARRIED.

ADJORNMENT

Chair Harcourt adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

CHAIR

AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 13, 2016
Originated By:	Al Fletcher, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	ACTIVITY REPORT
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The board is presented with the Agricultural Service Board Activity Report.

BACKGROUND:

The Activity report is helpful to administration and the board for tracking the status of resolutions and directions from the board. Items will stay on the report until they are completed. Items that are shaded indicate that they are completed and will be removed from the list once presented at the current Agricultural Service Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Agricultural Service Board Activity Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board (ASB) accepts the June 13, 2016 ASB Activity Report as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>Al</i> AgFieldman:



Senior Management Team Agricultural Service Board

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Budget Items:

CAO = Chief Administrative Officer

DO= Development Officer

EA = Executive Assistant

Completed Items:

CSM = Corporate Services Manager

AF = Ag. Fieldman

CDM = Community Development Manager

MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
REGULAR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETINGS				
February 8, 2016				
AG26	(02/08/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board pending Dave Bannow reporting to the Board on his attendance to the Organic Alberta Conference 2016 on February 25-26, 2016 in Old's Alberta approve reimbursing the following expenses; cost of the conference and lodging with receipts.	AF	Waiting on written report and receipts
March 18, 2016				
AG36	(03/18/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council adopt Policy 6304 Roadside Vegetation Control that has been revised to include the proposed Pollinator Habitat No-Mow Program as presented.	AF	Council C191-16(04/12/16) Did NOT approve No Mow program
AG37	(03/18/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Davis that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council adopt revised Policy 6306 Clubroot of Canola Policy as presented.	AF	Council adopted as recommended C192-16(04/12/16)
AG38	(03/18/16)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Rucker that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council adopt Policy 6302 Agricultural Improvement Policy with revisions to include reimbursing costs for producers that attended agricultural focused Conferences and Workshops as presented.	AF	Council adopted as recommended April 12, 2016 C190-16(04/12/16)
AG47	(03/18/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board recommend Council include \$500 in the 2016 Operating Budget for an Alberta Farm Animal Care membership.	AF	Went to Council approved as part of C178-16(4/12/16)
AG48	(03/18/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agricultural Service Board direct administration to arrange an Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) joint meeting with M.D. of Fairview No. 136 and M.D. of Peace No. 135 in October 2016.	AF	
AG50	(03/18/16)	RESOLUTION by Member Ross that this Agriculture Service Board direct administration bring back information on 30 to 40 foot land roller to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting.	AF	August ASB mtg.



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MOTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPT	STATUS
AG51	(03/18/16)	RESOLUTION by Deputy Chair Ruecker that this Agriculture Service Board direct administration bring back information on a 14-16 foot breaking disc to a future Agricultural Service Board meeting.	AF	August ASB mtg.

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 13, 2016
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	TRADESHOW
File:	63-10-30

DESCRIPTION:

The Agricultural Service Board is presented with the 2016 Tradeshow Revenue and Expense Analysis for review.

BACKGROUND:

The Agricultural Service Board has set a goal of 70% overall cost recovery for the Tradeshow.

The 7 Year Cost Recovery percentages:

2016	51%
2015	60%
2014	97%
2013	71%
2012	65%
2011	54%
2010	70%

BUDGET/COSTS

	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	Reason
Revenue	\$41,055	\$36,831	Sponsorship
Expenses	\$74,495	\$72,272	

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2016 Tradeshow Revenue and Expense Analysis

OPTIONS:

- Accept as presented
- Direct the following changes for 2016: _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Agricultural Service Board accept the 2016 Trade Show Revenue and Expense Analysis as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>Abj</i>	AgFieldman:
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2016 Tradeshow Revenue and Expense Analysis

REVENUES	2016		2015	
	Numbers	Dollars	Numbers	Dollars
Breakfast	365	\$ 725.60	423	\$ 845.00
Banquet	117	\$ 2,918.00	111	\$ 2,775.00
Booth Rentals	92	\$ 14,787.50	78	\$ 13,175.00
Sponsorship	21	\$ 18,400.00	29	\$ 15,525.00
Travel Alberta Advertising Grant		\$ -		\$ 8,429.50
		<u>\$ 36,831.10</u>		<u>\$ 40,749.50</u>
 EXPENSES				
Entertainment		\$ 3,900.60		\$ 4,283.84
Trade Show Direct		\$ 13,600.00		\$ 13,600.00
Food & Catering		\$ 5,431.28		\$ 6,232.25
Advertising & Promotion		\$ 11,027.50		\$ 14,013.54
Staffing		\$ 23,237.77		\$ 17,385.50
Helping Hands		\$ 5104.29		\$ 5,125.00
Rent & Maint/Improvements		\$ 5,500.00		\$ 5,200.00
General Supplies		\$ 3,685.96		\$ 2,689.01
Subsistence		\$ 805.30		\$ 903.34
		<u>\$ 72,292.70</u>		<u>\$ 69,432.48</u>

Trade Show Revenue and Expenses Additional Information:

Booths: 44 Agricultural
 23 Non- Agricultural (Home Based Businesses, etc.)
 9 Public Services
 16 Other
 Total booths: 92

Expenditures

Entertainment includes: Clown, Greg T. Mentalist at Banquet, DJ moves - soundman for day

Tradeshow Direct includes: Framing, draping, tables, chairs, power cords, and inflatable Bouncer

Food & Catering includes: Breakfast groceries, Banquet Catering, doughnuts

Advertising includes: Radio & newspaper ads, signage, County door prizes, mail outs, talent show winner prizes

Helping Hands includes:

\$300 Worsley Grad – farm safety barn

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager:	AgFieldman:
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\$500 Hines Creek Fire Department – Security for Tradeshow
 \$750 4H – exhibitor move in/move out, garbage and help with dining hall set up.
 \$1600 Clear River Riders – wagon rides to carry attendees to/from vehicles
 \$300 Tina Gelech for face painting
 \$227.16 Mathew Fletcher parking
 \$227.16 Nathan Fletcher parking
 \$1,200 Hines Creek Composite School for setting up and taking down (includes senior boys basketball team)

Building Rent & Improvements includes: The arena rent for one week

General Supplies includes: Freight, helium, paint, sweeping compound, helping hands t-shirts, telephone expenses, ornaments, other misc supplies.

Subsistence includes: Meals for staff & helping hands

ANOTHER WAY OF LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS:

Another way of looking at the numbers

Event	Attendance	2016			2015	
		Revenue	Expenses	Profit/Loss	Cost Recovery	Cost Recovery
Breakfast	365	\$ 725.60	\$ 1,830.08	-1,104.48	40%	62%
Tradeshow	speculative	\$ 33,187.50	\$ 65,637.02	-32,449.52	51%	60%
Banquet	117	\$ 2,918.00	\$ 4,825.60	-1,907.60	61%	92%
		\$ 36,831.10	\$ 72,292.70	-35,461.60	51%	

Breakfast revenue includes: Ticket sales

Breakfast expenses include: Groceries

Trade Show revenue includes: Booth rentals and sponsorship

Trade Show expenses include: Entertainment, Staffing, Subsistence, Trade show Direct, Advertising, General supplies, Donuts, Building rent & Helping hands

Banquet revenue includes: Ticket sales

Banquet Expenses includes: Entertainment & caterer

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: AgFieldman:

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 13, 2016
Originated By:	Audrey Bjorklund, Community Development Manager
Title:	REGIONAL ASB CONFERENCE
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The 2016 Peace Region ASB Conference will be held November 9, 2016 in Dixonville, AB. Does the Board have any resolutions they wish to develop and bring forward to the Conference?

BACKGROUND:

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution by Member _____ to

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>ABj</i> AgFieldman:
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Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 13, 2016
Originated By:	Audrey Bjorklund, Community Development Manager
Title:	2017 OPERATING BUDGET PREP
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

As part of the 2017 Budget preparation the board is requested to review the Operating Budget items.

BACKGROUND:

Does the Board have any changes they would like to see in the 2017 draft Operating Budget?

The draft Operating Budget will be presented to the Board at the August meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

OPTIONS:

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

RESOLUTION by that this Agricultural Service Board....

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>Abj</i> AgFieldman:
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**Clear Hills County
2016 Operating Report
For the Period Ending March 31, 2016**

		2016	
Expenditure		Actual	Budget
Account	FUNCTION		
	Ag Svc - General	65,929	307,632
	Ag Svc - Improvement - General	41,023	38,658
	Ag Svc - Improvement - Rental Equipment	9,606	72,088
	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public	602	14,232
	Ag Svc - Improvement - Tradeshow	69,569	74,495
	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I.	43,900	43,900
	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos	-	-
	Ag Svc - Improvement	164,700	243,373
	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A.	64,500	67,500
2-63-30-10-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Wages	0	-
2-63-30-10-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Employer Contributions	0	-
	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease	80	175
	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation	38,710	31,700
	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver	3,570	7,500
	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation	5,315	58,814
	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Inspection	1,535	113,974
	Ag Svc - Control	49,210	212,163
	Agricultural Services	344,338	830,668

Clear Hills County
2016 Operating Report
For the Period Ending March 31, 2016

		2016		2016 Notes
Expenditure		Actual	Budget	
Account	FUNCTION			
2-63-02-02-11*	Ag Svc - ASB - Wages	47,733	132,774	
2-63-02-02-13*	Ag Svc - ASB - Employer Contributions	-3,993	47,776	
2-63-02-02-148	Ag Svc - ASB - Training & Education	167	3,100	AF coursesx2x\$800+IST\$250x2+CDC 1 course x\$1000
2-63-02-02-159	Ag Svc - ASB - Fees for Service	0	2,000	based on 165.60/month (?CDM mileage??)
	Salaries, Wages, and Benefits	43,906	185,650	
2-63-02-02-211	Ag Svc - ASB - Travel & Subsistence	7,077	11,000	ISTx1wkx2, ASB 1wkx2+courses
2-63-02-02-214	Ag Svc - ASB - Membership & Conference Fees	600	1,700	250X2aaaf, 450X2asb conf, AISC 100,+additional
2-63-02-02-215	Ag Svc - ASB - Freight & Postage	5	-	
2-63-02-02-216	Ag Svc - ASB - Internet	68	240	
2-63-02-02-217	Ag Svc - ASB - Telephone	1,029	3,500	
2-63-02-02-219	Ag Svc - ASB - Hospitality	0	-	
2-63-02-02-221	Ag Svc - ASB - Advertising & Promotion	425	-	
2-63-02-02-222	Ag Svc - ASB - Printing & Binding	140	-	
2-63-02-02-223	Ag Svc - ASB - Subscriptions & Publications	0	24	grain news
2-63-02-02-224	Ag Svc - ASB - Municipal Membership Fees	0	-	
2-63-02-02-229	Ag Svc - ASB - Municipal Membership Fees	0	-	
	Buildings - Office & Shop (25%)			
2-63-02-02-239	Ag Svc - ASB - Other Contracted Services	0	-	
2-63-02-02-242	Ag Svc - ASB - Building Chargeback	12,485	67,955	
2-63-02-02-245	Ag Svc - ASB - Vehicle Chargebacks	133	14,541	
2-63-02-02-247	Ag Svc - ASB - Mapping chargebacks	0	850	
2-63-02-02-248	Ag Svc - ASB - Communications Chargeback	0	2,163	
2-63-02-02-265	Ag Svc - ASB - Vehicle Rental	0	-	
2-63-02-02-274	Ag Svc - ASB - Insurance	0	588	
2-63-02-02-279	Ag Svc - ASB - Other Miscellaneous Services	28	50	drivers abstract for seasonal employees
	Contracted & General Services	21,990	102,610	
2-63-02-02-511	Ag Svc - ASB - Stationery Supplies	32	50	
2-63-02-02-514	Ag Svc - ASB - Consumable & Bulk Foods	0	-	
2-63-02-02-519	Ag Svc - ASB - Other General Goods & Supplies	0	-	
2-63-02-02-522	Ag Svc - ASB - Tires, Batteries and Accessories	0	-	
2-63-02-02-524	Ag Svc - ASB - Consumable Tools	0	-	
	Materials, Goods & Utilities	32	50	
2-63-02-02-711	Ag Svc - ASB - Grants To Individuals & NGOs	0	-	
2-63-20-02-771	Ag Svc - AESA - General - Grants	0	-	
2-63-02-02-762	Ag Svc - ASB - To Capital Programs	0	-	
2-63-00-00-764	Ag Svc - Transfer to Reserve	0	-	
2-63-02-02-764	Ag Svc - Transfer to Reserve	0	-	
2-63-02-02-792	Ag Svc - ASB - Amor Exp - Buildings	0	-	
2-63-02-06-792	Ag Svc - ASB - Amor Exp - Buildings	0	-	
2-63-02-02-793	Ag Svc - ASB - Amor Exp - Mach & Equip	0	19,322	
2-63-02-02-795	Ag Svc - ASB - Amor Exp - Vehicles	0	-	
	Amortization Expense	-	19,322	
	Transfer Payments	-	19,322	
2-63-02-02-814	Ag Svc - ASB - Charges, Penalties & Other Charges	0	-	
	Financial Services & Other Charges	-	-	
	Ag Svc - General	65,929	307,632	
2-63-10-02-11*	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Wages	0	-	
2-63-10-02-13*	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Employer Contributions	427	154	
2-63-10-02-159	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Other Fees for Service	10,325	14,904	ASB 90 days (5 mbrsx(165.60x10mtgs+5days ASB conf+3ott
2-63-10-02-211	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Travel & Subsistence	13,329	8,000	ASB conf, other conf, flights and/or mileage
2-63-10-02-214	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Membership & Conference Fees	6,802	3,500	ASB Conference Farm Tech workshops seminars, etc.
2-63-10-02-215	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Freight & Postage	135	-	
2-63-10-02-216	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Internet	0	-	
2-63-10-02-219	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Hospitality	0	-	
2-63-10-02-221	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Advertising & Promotion	86	-	
2-63-10-02-222	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Printing & Binding	0	-	
2-63-10-02-223	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Subscriptions & Publications	0	-	
2-63-10-02-224	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Municipal Membership Fees	0	-	
2-63-10-02-232	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Legal	0	-	
2-63-10-02-511	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Stationery Supplies	0	100	Day timers for ASB
2-63-10-02-515	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Catered or Prepared Foods	320	1,000	10 meetings @ \$100 per meal
2-63-10-02-517	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Safety Supplies	0	-	
2-63-10-02-519	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Other General Goods & Supplies	0	-	
2-63-10-02-521	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Gas, Oil, Lubricants, Antifreeze	0	-	
2-63-10-02-523	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Equipment, Machine and Vehicle	0	-	
2-63-10-02-524	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Consumable Tools	0	-	

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2-63-10-02-771	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Grants	9,600	11,000	4H Club Sale \$600, vet bursary 10,000 Farm Womens confer
2-63-10-02-793	Ag Svc - Improvement - General - Amortization - Machinery & Equ	0	-	
	Ag Svc - Improvement - General	41,023	38,658	
2-63-10-10-11*	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Wages	0	28,000	Rental Equipment position 8 mths AG112(09/08/14) (IF 1 yr
2-63-10-10-13*	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Employer Contributions	0	5,000	Rental Equipment position
2-63-10-10-215	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Freight & Postage	561	-	
2-63-10-10-221	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Advertising & Promotion	127	-	
2-63-10-10-222	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Printing & Binding	0	-	
2-63-10-10-239	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Other Professional Services	0	-	
2-63-10-10-242	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Building Chargeback Chargebac	0	93	
2-63-10-10-243	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Equipment Chargeback	2,647	20,589	
2-63-10-10-253	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Equipment R&M	0	-	
2-63-10-10-271	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Licenses & Permits	0	-	
2-63-10-10-274	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Insurance	0	64	
2-63-10-10-511	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Stationery Supplies	0	-	
2-63-10-10-513	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Janitorial Supplies	46	-	
2-63-10-10-519	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Other General Goods & Supplies	6,225	4,100	AG85(08/10/15)one person post hole auger & plastic mulch
2-63-10-10-521	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Gas, Oil & Lubricants	0	-	
2-63-10-10-522	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Tires, Batteries and Accessories	0	300	tree spade tire
2-63-10-10-523	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Equipment, Machine and Vehicle	0	6,200	rotowiper carpets, water trailers maintenance,
2-63-10-10-524	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Consumable Tools	0	-	
2-63-10-10-529	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Other Equipment, Machines and	0	1,200	panel trailer - 4 more panels \$300 each, valves, etc.
2-63-10-10-771	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Grants	0	-	
2-63-10-10-793	Ag Svc - Improv - Rental Equip - Amor Exp - Mach & Equip	0	6,542	
	Ag Svc - Improvement - Rental Equipment	9,606	72,088	
2-63-10-20-11*	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Wages	0	-	
2-63-10-20-13*	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Employer Contributions	0	-	
2-63-10-20-211	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Travel & Subsistence	0	-	
2-63-10-20-214	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Membership & Conference Fees	0	-	
2-63-10-20-215	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Freight & Postage	0	50	misc. mailout
2-63-10-20-219	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Hospitality	0	1,300	1200 bussing & weiner roast - fish release +\$100 for 1 extens
2-63-10-20-221	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Advertising & Promotion	0	850	Farm Safety posters & extension advertising
2-63-10-20-223	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Subscriptions & Publications	0	-	
2-63-10-20-224	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Municipal Membership	500	760	Farm Safety Just 4 Kids, Alberta Farm Animal Care members
2-63-10-20-229	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Other Information Services	0	-	
2-63-10-20-235	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Consultants	0	-	
2-63-10-20-239	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Other Professional Services	0	272	Farm Safety Centre-based on previous year # students prese
2-63-10-20-262	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Building Rental	0	-	
2-63-10-20-355	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Other Municipal Agencies	0	10,000	PCBFA extension projects outside Env Stream Program
2-63-10-20-514	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Bulk Foods	0	-	
2-63-10-20-519	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Other General Goods & Supplies	102	1,000	Farm Family Award sign
2-63-10-20-532	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public - Awareness Group	0	-	
	Ag Svc - Improvement - Public	602	14,232	
2-63-10-30-11*	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Wages	18,755	14,000	all staff, includes 4 seasonal @ \$24/hr
2-63-10-30-13*	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Employer Contributions	4,367	1,120	
2-63-10-30-148	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Training & Education	0	200	Food Safe Training
2-63-10-30-159	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Other Fees for Service	420	300	Farm Safety Barn Assistance (PCBFA)
2-63-10-30-211	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Travel & Subsistence	1,402	750	
2-63-10-30-215	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Freight & Postage	768	1,500	offset by Alberta Tourism grant
2-63-10-30-217	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Telephone	0	-	
2-63-10-30-219	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Hospitality	0	-	
2-63-10-30-221	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Advertising & Promotion	5,842	14,500	offset by Alberta Tourism grant
2-63-10-30-223	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Subscriptions & Publications	0	-	2014 bought banquet ticket software
2-63-10-30-239	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Other Professional Services	21,475	24,000	entertainer/helpinghands/draping/bouncer/wagonrides/clown/
2-63-10-30-245	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Vehicle Chargebacks	0	-	
2-63-10-30-253	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	0	-	
2-63-10-30-255	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	0	-	
2-63-10-30-262	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Building Rental	5,250	5,200	1 week rent for entire facility 1dayx\$1000+ 7daysx\$600
2-63-10-30-263	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Equipment & Furniture Rent	250	-	
2-63-10-30-271	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Licenses & Permits	0	-	
2-63-10-30-272	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Damage Claims	0	-	
2-63-10-30-279	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Other Miscellaneous Services	0	50	Driver's abstracts for seasonal employees
2-63-10-30-511	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Stationery Supplies	0	20	replenish tub of stuff contents
2-63-10-30-512	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Clothing & Footwear	0	600	Helping hands t shirts
2-63-10-30-513	Ag Svc - Improv - Tradeshow - Janitorial Supplies	11	130	sweeping compound, etc.

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2-63-10-30-514	Ag Svc - Improv -Tradeshow - Consumable & Bulk Foods	1,995	1,800	breakfast & donuts
2-63-10-30-515	Ag Svc - Improv -Tradeshow - Catered or Prepared Foods	4,304	6,125	banquet 225x\$25 + meals for 20 staff & helping hands \$500
2-63-10-30-517	Ag Svc - Improv -Tradeshow - Safety Supplies	0		
2-63-10-30-519	Ag Svc - Improv -Tradeshow - General Supplies	4,729	3,000	ornamentals from Ruby's (she donates 50%) door prizes, ribb
2-63-10-30-521	Ag Svc - Improv -Tradeshow - Fuel	0	-	
2-63-10-30-523	Ag Svc - Improv -Tradeshow - Equipment, Machine & Vehicle Par	0	-	
2-63-10-30-524	Ag Svc - Improv -Tradeshow - Consumable Tools	0	200	paint, etc.
2-63-10-30-538	Ag Svc - Improv -Tradeshow - Signage	0	500	update tradeshow signage
2-63-10-30-539	Ag Svc - Improv -Tradeshow - Other Constr & Maintenance Mater	0	-	
2-63-10-30-560	Ag Svc - Improv -Tradeshow - Exhibitors	0	500	booth refunds
2-63-10-30-795	Ag Svc - Improv -Tradeshow - Amort Exp - Vehicles	0	-	
	Ag Svc - Improvement -Tradeshow	69,569	74,495	
2-63-10-40-215	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I. - Freight & Postage	0	-	
2-63-10-40-224	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I. - Municipal Membership	0	-	
2-63-10-40-239	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I. - Other Professional Services	0	-	
2-63-10-40-355	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I. - Other municipal agencies	43,900	43,900	12.5% increase as per Board of Directors for 2015 onward (in
	Ag Svc - Improvement - V.S.I.	43,900	43,900	
2-63-10-50-112	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Seasonal	0	-	
2-63-10-50-132	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - C.P.P.	0	-	
2-63-10-50-133	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - E.I.	0	-	
2-63-10-50-211	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Travel & Subsistence	0	-	
2-63-10-50-215	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Freight & Postage	0	-	
2-63-10-50-219	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Hospitality	0	-	
2-63-10-50-221	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Advertising & Promotion	0	-	
2-63-10-50-235	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Consultants	0	-	
2-63-10-50-239	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Other Professional Services	0	-	
2-63-10-50-262	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Building Rental	0	-	
2-63-10-50-263	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Equipment & Furniture Rental	0	-	
2-63-10-50-511	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Stationery Supplies	0	-	
2-63-10-50-517	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Safety Supplies	0	-	bootie covers - should have been to 63-30-10- not 63-10-50
2-63-10-50-524	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Consumable Tools	0	-	
2-63-10-50-532	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Grounds	0	-	
2-63-10-50-771	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos - Grants	0	-	
	Ag Svc - Improvement - Demos	-	-	
	Ag Svc - Improvement	164,700	243,373	
2-63-20-02-11*	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Wages	0	-	
2-63-20-02-13*	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Employer Contributions	0	-	
2-63-20-02-159	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Other Fees for Service	0	-	
2-63-20-02-211	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Travel & Subsistence	0	-	
2-63-20-02-215	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Freight & Postage	0	-	
2-63-20-02-219	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Hospitality	0	-	
2-63-20-02-351	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Other local governments	0	-	
2-63-20-02-355	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Other municipal agencies	64,500	67,500	2014-2016 ASB Env. Stream (PCBFA delivers, CHC adminis
2-63-20-02-771	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A. - Grants	0	-	
	Ag Svc - A.E.S.A.	64,500	67,500	
2-63-30-10-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Wages	0	-	
2-63-30-10-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Employer Contributions	0	-	
2-63-30-10-215	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Freight & Postage	0	-	
2-63-30-10-239	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Other Professional Services	80	175	fusarium testing
2-63-30-10-279	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Other Misc. Services	0	-	
2-63-30-10-519	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Other General Supplies	0	-	
2-63-30-10-524	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Consumable Tools	0	-	
2-63-30-10-531	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease - Chemicals & Salt	0	-	
	Ag Svc - Control - Crop Disease	80	175	
2-63-30-20-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Wages	0	-	
2-63-30-20-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Employer Contributions	0	-	
2-63-30-20-148	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Training & Education	0	500	2 people 2 days Form 7 training Nordegg/Edmonton
2-63-30-20-211	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Travel & Subsistence	0	1,200	2 people 2 days Form 7 training 2 nites x \$140+ 1 day meals
2-63-30-20-221	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Advertising & Promotion	0	-	
2-63-30-20-232	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Legal	0	-	
2-63-30-20-239	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Other Professional Servic	38,710	30,000	Wolf Hunt Incentive Policy 6307
2-63-30-20-511	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Stationery Supplies	0	-	
2-63-30-20-519	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Other General Goods & S	0	-	
2-63-30-20-529	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation - Other Equip, Veh & Mach	0	-	
	Ag Svc - Control - Livestock Predation	38,710	31,700	
2-63-30-30-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Wages	0	-	

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2-63-30-30-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Employer Contributions	0	-	
2-63-30-30-219	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Hospitality	0	-	
2-63-30-30-239	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Other Professional Services	3,570	7,500	Beaver Control Policy 3234
2-63-30-30-251	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Repair/Maint Infrastructure	0	-	
2-63-30-30-279	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Other Miscellaneous Services	0	-	
2-63-30-30-519	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Other General Goods & Supplies	0	-	
2-63-30-30-537	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Culverts	0	-	
2-63-30-30-539	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver - Other Construction and Maintenance	0	-	
	Ag Svc - Control - Beaver	3,570	7,500	
2-63-30-40-11*	Ag Svc - Pest Control - Insect Control -Wages	0	-	
2-63-30-40-13*	Ag Svc - Pest Control - Insect Control - Employer Contributions	0	-	
2-63-30-40-214	Ag Svc - Pest Control - Insect Control -Conference fee	0	-	
2-63-30-40-531	Ag Svc - Pest Control - Insect Control - Chemicals & Salt	0	-	
2-63-40-02-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Wages	0	9,600	4WI x 2 hours per day x 12 wks x \$20
2-63-40-02-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Employer Contributions	0	1,075	
2-63-40-02-148	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Training & Education	0	100	authorized assistant training
2-63-40-02-211	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Travel & Subsistence	0	-	
2-63-40-02-214	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Individual Memberships	0	-	budgeted under 63-50-02
2-63-40-02-215	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Freight & Postage	0	50	freight on course materials
2-63-40-02-217	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Telephone	0	-	
2-63-40-02-221	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Advertising & Promotion	0	550	employment ads
2-63-40-02-223	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Subscriptions & Publicat	0	300	weed and pest insepction books & course manuals
2-63-40-02-239	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Other Professional Servi	0	10,000	contract spraying entire r-o-w on collector roads \$40/mile
2-63-40-02-243	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Equipment Chargeback	156	3,889	
2-63-40-02-263	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Equipment & Furniture F	0	2,000	portable incinerator
2-63-40-02-512	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Clothing and Footwear	0	-	
2-63-40-02-517	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Safety Supplies	0	250	replenish PPE
2-63-40-02-518	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Furniture, ADP & Comm	0	-	
2-63-40-02-519	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Other General Goods &	150	-	
2-63-40-02-523	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Equip, Mach & Veh Part	2,850	-	
2-63-40-02-524	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Consumable Tools	0	-	
2-63-40-02-529	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Other Supplies	1,702	1,000	build or buy 2 more containers for weeds
2-63-40-02-531	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Chemicals and Salts	457	30,000	\$70-\$100 per hectare sprayed
2-63-40-02-541	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Water	0	-	
2-63-40-02-762	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Capital	0	-	
2-63-40-02-764	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - To Operating Reserve	0	-	
2-63-40-02-814	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General - Charges, Penalties and	0	-	
	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - General	5,315	58,814	
2-63-40-10-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Wages	0	-	
2-63-40-10-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Employer Contributions	0	-	
2-63-40-10-243	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Equipment Chargebacks	0	-	
2-63-40-10-523	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Equipment, Machine & Ve	0	-	
2-63-40-10-531	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Chemicals and Salts	0	-	
2-63-40-10-539	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush - Other Construction and Ma	0	-	
	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Brush	-	-	
2-63-40-30-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Wages	0	-	
2-63-40-30-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Employer Contributions	0	-	
2-63-40-30-215	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Freight & Postage	0	-	
2-63-40-30-217	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Telephone	0	-	
2-63-40-30-239	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Other Professional Ser	0	-	
2-63-40-30-243	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Equipment Chargeback	0	-	
2-63-40-30-517	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Safety supplies	0	-	
2-63-40-30-519	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Other General Goods &	0	-	
2-63-40-30-523	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Equipment, Machine ar	0	-	
2-63-40-30-524	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Consummable Tools	0	-	
2-63-40-30-531	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder - Chemicals & Salts	0	-	
	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation - Shoulder	-	-	
	Ag Svc - Control - Vegetation	5,315	58,814	
2-63-50-02-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Wages	0	43,921	
2-63-50-02-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Employer Contributions	0	5,074	
2-63-50-02-148	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Training & Education	0	1,500	H2S & First Aid Training
2-63-50-02-211	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Travel & Subsistence	0	115	
2-63-50-02-214	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Individual Memberships	0	500	Weed & Pest Inspector workshops
2-63-50-02-215	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Freight & Postage	0	250	
2-63-50-02-216	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Internet	0	-	
2-63-50-02-217	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Telephone	825	3,000	cell phones & data plans on tablets
2-63-50-02-219	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Hospitality	0	-	
2-63-50-02-221	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Advertising & Promotion	110	250	

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2-63-50-02-223	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Subscriptions & Publicat	0	-	
2-63-50-02-239	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Other Professional Serv	600	11,000	Enfrmnt\$5K picking\$3K VoHC\$3K
2-63-50-02-245	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Vehicle Chargeback	0	9,864	
2-63-50-02-265	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Vehicle Rental	0	-	
2-63-50-02-274	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Insurance	0	-	
2-63-50-02-511	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Stationery Supplies	0	-	
2-63-50-02-514	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Consumable & Bulk Foc	0	-	
2-63-50-02-515	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Catered & Prepared Foc	0	-	
2-63-50-02-517	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Safety Supplies	0	-	
2-63-50-02-519	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Other General Goods &	0	4,000	NEW 2 tablets for Green Area weed inspectors
2-63-50-02-521	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Gas, Oil, Lubricants, An	0	-	
2-63-50-02-522	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Tires, Batteries & Acces	0	-	
2-63-50-02-523	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Gas, Oil, Lubricants, An	0	-	
2-63-50-02-524	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Consumable Tools	0	-	
2-63-50-02-529	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Other Equipment, Machi	0	-	
2-63-50-02-531	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Chemicals & salt	0	-	
2-63-50-02-762	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - To Capital Programs	0	-	
2-63-50-02-795	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General - Amort Exp - Vehicles	0	-	
	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - General	1,535	79,474	
2-63-50-20-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Wages	0	-	budgeted General, coded Actual
2-63-50-20-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Employer Contributi	0	-	
2-63-50-20-211	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Travel & Subsistenc	0	-	
2-63-50-20-217	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Telephone	0	-	
2-63-50-20-239	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Other Contracted Se	0	-	
2-63-50-20-517	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Safety Supplies	0	-	
2-63-50-20-519	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Other General Good	0	-	
2-63-50-20-523	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Equipment, Machine	0	-	
2-63-50-20-524	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Consumable Tools	0	-	
2-63-50-20-529	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Other Equip; Machin	0	-	
2-63-50-20-531	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone - Chemicals and Salts	0	-	
	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - White Zone	-	-	
2-63-50-30-11*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Wages	0	24,000	NEW 2 Green Zone Inspectors
2-63-50-30-13*	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Employer Contributi	0	2,400	
2-63-50-30-211	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Travel & Subsistenc	0	3,600	Chinchage inspections 1 overnight per week 12 weeks x 300
2-63-50-30-239	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Other Professional S	0	2,500	Ortho for greenzone as needed
2-63-50-30-263	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Equipment & Furnitu	0	-	
2-63-50-30-265	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Vehicle Rental	0	2,000	or Chargeback,2 units for 3 month June, July, Aug
2-63-50-30-514	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Consumable & Bulk	0	-	
2-63-50-30-517	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Safety Supplies	0	-	
2-63-50-30-521	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Gas, Oil, Lubricants,	0	-	
2-63-50-30-524	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Insp - Green Zone - Consumable Tools	0	-	
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	Ag Svc - Control - Weed Inspection	1,535	113,974	
	Ag Svc - Control	49,210	212,163	
	Agricultural Services	344,338	830,668	

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 13, 2016
Originated By:	Aaron Zylstra, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD BUSINESS PLAN
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

The Board is presented with the 2010 - 2016 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan for review

BACKGROUND:

The business plan is reviewed annually. The updated business plan is required for the ASB grant program thru the Government of Alberta.

The board is requested to review and provide direction on additions, deletions or amendments to the plan.

Based on feedback from the board a draft 2017-2021 Business Plan will be prepared and brought to the next regular ASB meeting for review.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2010-2016 Business Plan

OPTIONS:

1. Approve 2010-2016 Agricultural Service Board Business plan as presented
2. Approve the 2010-2016 Agricultural Service Board Business plan with the following additions/deletions/amendments:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by... that the Agricultural Service Board approve the 2010-2016 Agricultural Service Board Business Plan

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>Abj</i>	AgFieldman:
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Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board:

2010 - 2016 Business Plan updated for 2016

Vision: Agricultural Industry that is environmentally sustainable, economically progressive, innovative and diverse

Mission: To develop and implement policies and programs that advise and assist agricultural producers and Council to enhance and sustain agriculture within Clear Hills County

- Values:**
1. The ability of farmers to practice all types of agriculture
 2. Clean water, clean air, and happy, healthy people
 3. Good communication with producers, consumers and residents
 4. Respect for agricultural producers, consumers and residents
 5. Environmentally beneficial land use practices
 - Protecting riparian areas and water ways
 - Protecting and promoting private and community woodlots
 - Promote soil conservation practices
 6. Balanced and diverse agricultural land use that meets the needs of County residents, producers and consumers.



Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board:

2010 - 2016 Business Plan - updated for 2016

Program Area

Goal

Objective

Strategy

PUBLIC AWARENESS

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Encourage the adoption of Agricultural Beneficial Management Practices for Agricultural Producers.

To provide demonstration plots, tour days and seminars that are easily accessible to County Agricultural Producers within the Region.

Partner with outside agencies to provide these services
Carcass disposal information session, investigate potential for large carcass incinerator partnership with other municipalities or local private business that does small carcass incineration.

Partner/cost share with outside agencies that are providing workshops demonstrating increased value at the farm gate, marketing, technique and/or innovation to area & region farmers.

reimburse registration fees for agriculture producer(s) to attend events that meet this goal to an annual budgetary maximum and require the agriculture producer(s) to provide written feedback to the ASB that may be published in the Newsletter.

ASB Grant Environmental Stream Funding Partnership with M.D. of Peace, M.D. of Fairview (CHFP)

Provide timely and factual information

Through County newsletter, brochures, articles, news releases, face to face meetings with producers.

Maintain a resource bank of articles, websites and other

Host a successful Agricultural Tradeshow

Maintain focus on Agricultural exhibitors and information

Maintain Cost recovery at 70%

Promote Stewardship and recognize best management practitioners.

Annual selection of a Farm Family that exemplified best Management practices and community participation.

Present the Farm Family award at the Annual Tradeshow Farmer's Appreciation banquet.

Provide the Farm Family with a gate sign acknowledging the

Provide tickets to the Regional Farm Family Award night in Grande Prairie.

Advertise nomination information in newsletter for local, regional, provincial, and federal Agricultural Stewardship Awards/Bursaries.

Provide Veterinarian Services in the region for livestock producers.

maintain the current level of 50% cost share funding with the agricultural producer for the Veterinarian Health Program known as Veterinarian Services (1980) Incorporated

Effective 2011 went with \$30 membership from \$20 and to five year term from lifetime term.



Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board:

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Program Area

Goal

Objective

Strategy



Increase the profile of Farm Safety

Expanding Farm Safety Activities at the annual agricultural tradeshow.

Annual Farm Safety diorama or poster contest, grades K-6

Bi-monthly Farm Safety contests in the newsletter. Issue farm accident statistics quarterly in the newsletter.

Develop relationship with the Alberta Farm Safety Centre to provide the Farm Safety Awareness program to Grades K-6 in local schools.

Encourage youth into agricultural production as a career

Partner with the PCBFA in hosting Young Farmer's workshop

Provide registration fees and travel costs for young farmers or potential young farmers interested in attending conferences, workshops or seminars related to agriculture production and management

Partner with the PCBFA to provide Classroom Agriculture Program(CAP) as requested.



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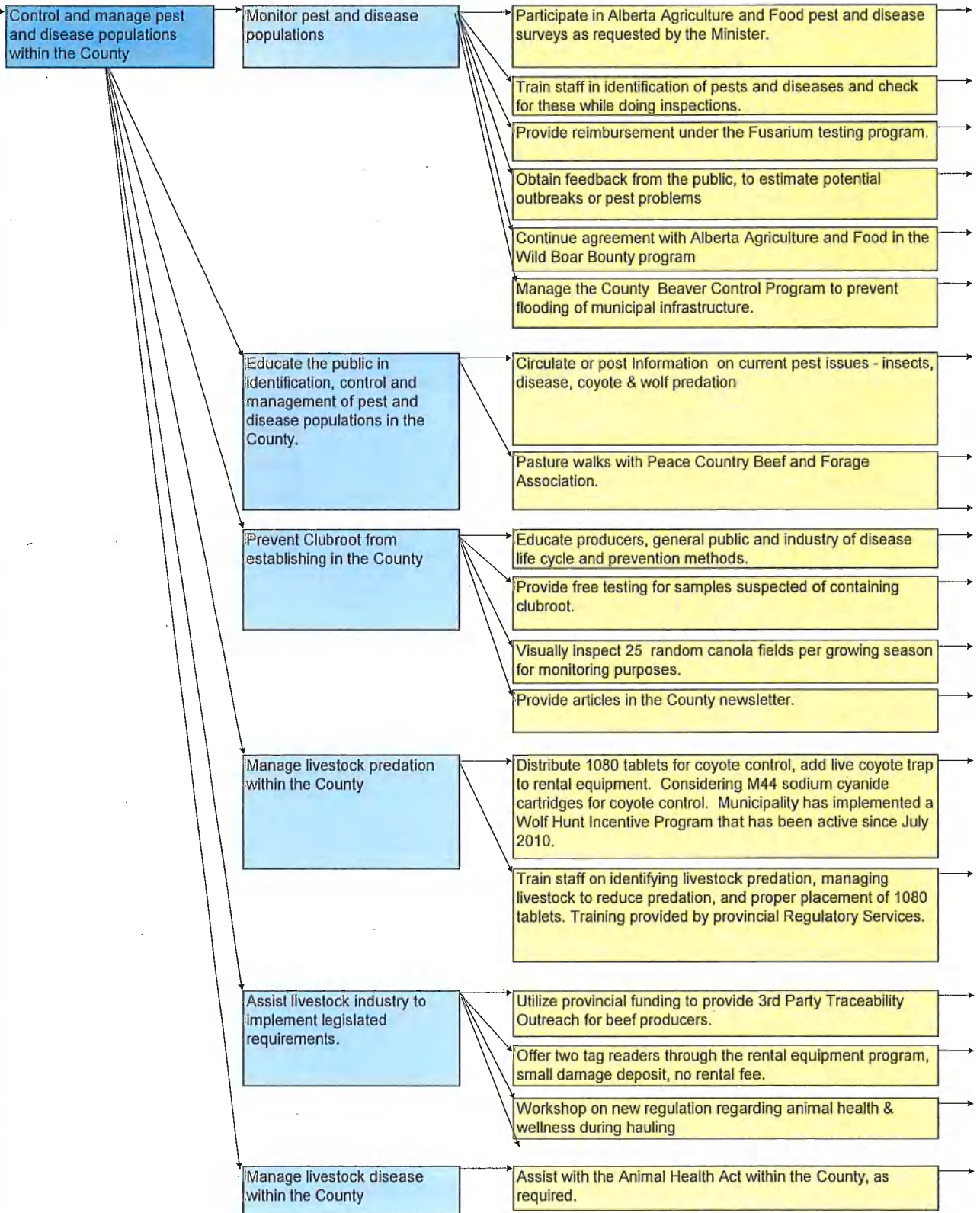
Program Area

Goal

Objective

Strategy

PEST and DISEASE CONTROL





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Program Area

Goal

Objective

Strategy

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Prevent/Manage/Eliminate soil and water degradation

Encourage the adoption of beneficial management practices for soil conservation

Administer the Soil Conservation Act within the County

Facilitate/host/sponsor one producer demonstration day/event/activity recognizing beneficial management practices for soil conservation.

Participate in Shelterbelt tree distribution program, including articles on importance of shelterbelts, tree maintenance.

Advertise Environmental Farm Plan workshops in the County (Peace Country Beef and Forage Association will provide technical staff)

Training Agricultural staff in soil & water conservation and related provincial and federal policies and strategies (ie Climate Change, Land Use Framework, Water for Life)

Provide access to mulch & mulch applicator on a cost recovery basis.

Provide administration services to distribute tree seedlings to ratepayers at discounted rates and no additional administration fees or shipping costs.

Educating the public in soil and water conservation.

Host Water Quality Awareness activities for local students and the public at large.

Partner in workshops on shelterbelt and general tree care

distribute information on: undesirable species (ornamental and shelterbelt) that are invasive or consume more water than other species, importance of shelterbelts, and tree care (pruning, prep for winter, watering)

Partner with the Clear Hills Watershed Initiative to provide education and awareness workshops. ie) Dugout maintenance, watershed identification, riparian area restoration

Work within Alberta's Water for Life to create sustainable use of water resources, help producers with drought management, riparian areas, flooding and water resources

Provide workshop and demonstration on water conserving strategies

Form a riparian action team for the Clear Hills watershed to support producers with cost of fencing off riparian areas and property management.

Contribute to the health of the land and the water within the county by gathering information and data to determine what water resources there are, how they are being used, what needs to be done to take care of them and use this information to make effective decision in the use of that land and water.



Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board:

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Program Area

Goal

Objective

Strategy



Work within Alberta's Climate Change strategy and help producers reduce their emissions

Assist producers in reduce their carbon emissions through good land stewardship and energy conservation practies on the farm

Work within Alberta's Land Use Framework policy to develop a strategy for stewardship through best management practices

improve pasture health and assist producers in improving carrying capacity and setting sustainable stocking rates

Encourage and assist producers to complete a validated Environmental Farm Plan risk assessment and use Growing Forward programs to implement best management practices on their farm site.

Encourage biodiversity on the farm through introduction of different forages, maintaining riparian areas, wetlands and multi-species grazing



Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board:

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Program Area

Goal

Objective

Strategy

WEED and VEGETATION CONTROL

Agricultural production that is unhindered by noxious, restricted and invasive weeds.

Control noxious weeds and restricted weeds on private land and municipal roadsides, property, landfills and gravel pits.

Administer the Weed Control Act.

Train staff in weed identification, Pesticide application and other weed control methods.

Enforce weed control on the railway right-of-ways within the county.

Implement a vegetation control program on municipal properties and roadways using recognized accepted integrated pest management practices. Pesticides used will be registered for the purpose, effective, cost efficient and not increase the environmental footprint.

Implement Roadside Beautification program to encourage landowners to control weed infestations, undesirable vegetation growth and debris within road side ditches adjacent to their property.

Meet with land owners that have recurrent weed infestations and work with them on developing an effective weed control management plan.

Enforce weed infestations in a timely manner using proven methods and recommended time frames.

Educate on control of all invasive weeds

Weed profiles in County newsletter, distributing invasive plants brochures,

Face to face meetings with producers with infestations

Partnering with other municipalities to organize weed inspector and spray crew workshops

Educate the public in identification and control of weeds in the County.

Weed profiles on prohibitive noxious and noxious found in the County and Region in newsletter,

Host workshop and provide information on landowner rights and agreements related to land access and crossings regarding control and/or eradication of introduced weeds or pests.



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Program Area

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Inspect private and public land to identify and manage weed infestation levels.

Weed Inspection Program: (2014) 4 fulltime seasonal staff to inspect agricultural and non-crop land for weeds as per the Alberta Weed Control Act. Inspect 100% of agricultural land over a 3 year rotation.

Partner with Sustainable Resource Development to inspect the greenzone. Priority is reinspection of known infestations.

Urban weed control program: continue agreement with the Village of Hines Creek to perform weed inspections and undertake weed control measures within the Village boundaries



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Program Area

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RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Encourage the adoption of innovative agricultural practices

purchase for rent equipment deemed necessary to assist in the development of the Agricultural industry within the County.

Annually purchase a minimum of one innovative piece of equipment that been identified through Agricultural producers feedback from various sources.

Equipment will be replaced on the basis of demand and relevance to agricultural best management practices. Maintain records on rental use.

Promote rental equipment via newsletter, tradeshow and use in demonstration plots

Maintain rental equipment so that it is safe to use, kept in good working order and condition. Develop maintenance record for each piece of equipment.

Recover capital costs and maintenance costs

50% cost recovery of the total annual operating cost of the rental program.

Develop schedule of fees calculator based on set cost recovery to replace each unit based on it's anticipated useful life, salvage value, rental use, purchase value; and to recover typical maintenance costs.

Recapture 50% capital costs per unit and 100% of maintenance costs over the life of the item

Provide satellite Rental Agent

Enter into agreements with interested agents to provide satellite yard rental services

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	June 13, 2016
Originated By:	Al Fletcher, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN REPORT
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

At this time the Agricultural Fieldman will have an opportunity to present his report.

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report
- Rental Equipment Usage

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that the Agricultural Service Board accepts the June 13, 2016 Agricultural Fieldman report for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: *ABJ* AgFieldman:

Clear Hills County Agricultural Fieldman Report

June 13 2016

Al Fletcher

Pest Control to June 1

- Wolves - 76
- Coyotes - 236
- Beaver - 174

Council increased the wolf incentive budget by \$20,000 (C235-16(04/26/16)) this brings the 2016 wolf incentive budget to \$50,000.

Rental Program

- New BBQ, lots of good feedback.
- Developing rental parts inventory.
- Quad sprayers have been out
- Eco bran applicators have been out
- Wire roller, good feedback.
- Post hole auger ready.
- I have had some feedback form some ratepayers on the rental price on the rock picker (per day)

Weed Program

- Working on pesticide applicators course.
- Reviewing 2015 weed inspections
- Some weed notices were issued.
- Working on weed containment-disposal.(picked & bagged) 3 wooden bins for landfills
- Hired seasonal staff.
- Spray grew at weed inspection and weed spray workshop.
- H2s and first aid training for staff.
- Getting spray trucks ready (servicing & wiring)
- Repairing spray equipment.
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Other Topics

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Rental Equipment Usage January 1, 2016 - June 10, 2016

Equipment	Rental Rates	Total Users	Total Days	Total Revenue
Backpack Sprayer	\$ -			
Bale Scale	\$ 30.00	1	1	\$ 30.00
Bale Tester	\$ 10.00			
Ball Hitch (2" & 2 5/16")	\$ -			
Livestock Ultrasound	\$ 25.00			
Chairs	\$0.5/chair	2	2	\$ -
Community Centre	\$ 50.00	1	1	\$ 50.00
Corral Panels	\$ 50.00	1	1	\$ 25.00
Coyote Trap	\$ -			
Eco-Bran Applicator	\$ 50.00	1	1	\$ 50.00
Grain Bag Roller	\$ -	2	5	\$ -
Grain Bagger	\$ 350.00			
Grain Bag Extractor	\$ 350.00	1	1	\$ 350.00
Grain Vac	\$ 200.00	19	20	\$ 4,000.00
Grass Seeders-Hand Held	\$ 5.00			
Grass Seeders-Quad Mount	\$ 5.00			
Grill	\$ 5.00	1	6	\$ 30.00
Hand Held Rope Wick	\$ 10.00			
Land Leveller	\$ 130.00			
Loading Chute	\$ 25.00	10	11	\$ 275.00
Manure Spreader	\$ 150.00			
Mulch Applicator	\$ 25.00			
Extra Hoses	\$ 1.00	1	1	\$ 2.50
Post Pounder	\$ 125.00	3	4	\$ 500.00
Pull/Push Roller Applicator	\$ -			
Quad Mount Rope Wick	\$ -			
Quad Mounted Sprayer	\$ -	1	1	\$ -
Quad Pull Type Sprayer	\$ -	1	1	\$ -
RFID Tag Reader	\$ -			
Rock Picker	\$ 300.00	2	2	\$ 600.00
Rock Rake	\$ 300.00	1	2	\$ 600.00
Roller Mill	\$ 20.00			
Rotowiper	\$ 75.00			
Scare Cannon #91060254	\$ -			
Signs	\$ -	1		
Skid Mount Sprayer	\$ -			
Steam Tables	\$ 5.00			
Tables	\$1.00/table	1	1	\$ 15.00
Toilets	\$ 40.00			
Tree Spade	\$ 150.00	3	4	\$ 600.00
Truck Mount Sprayer	\$ 100.00			
Wash Station	\$ 10.00			
Water Pumps	\$75.00(Summer) \$200 (Winter)	7	8	\$ 850.00
Zero Till Drills	\$300.00/20 feet	5	6	\$ 1,800.00
Wire Roller		5	7	\$ 175.00
Post Hole Auger				
Sickle Mower				
BBQ Trailer				
		48	70	86 \$ 9,952.50

Clear Hills County Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board
Meeting Date:	June 13, 2016
Originated By:	Audrey Bjorklund, Community Development Manager
Title:	CDM Report
File:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

At this time the Community Development Manager will have an opportunity to report on Community Development agricultural topics.

BACKGROUND:

BSE Testing Incentive Policy 6314: 11 beef cattle were tested for BSE in the first quarter of 2016.

C56-16(01/26/16) \$5,000 budget in 2016 \$125/eligible beef cattle carcass tested.

Updated Policies: Attached for information the amended Policies Council adopted:

- Policy 6302, Agricultural Improvement with the Application for Agricultural Event Reimbursement, and
- Policy 6306 Clubroot of Canola

ATTACHMENTS:

- Policy 6302
- Policy 6306

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution by Member _____ to accept the Community Development Manager's report to June 13, 2016 as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>ABj</i> AgFieldman:
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Clear Hills County

Effective Date: May 10, 2016	Policy Number 6302
Title: AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENT POLICY	

1. Policy Statement

1.1. Clear Hills County will actively encourage the adoption of innovative, appropriate technologies and practices that may be of economic benefit to County agricultural producers.

2. Responsibilities

2.1. Agricultural Services under direction of the Agricultural Service Board will encourage agricultural producers to adopt innovative and appropriate technologies and practices by:

- 2.1.1. purchasing and offering rental equipment,
- 2.1.2. establishing demonstration plots,
- 2.1.3. hosting or organizing seminars, informational meetings, and tour days,
- 2.1.4. organizing an Agricultural Trade Show,
- 2.1.5. supporting Veterinarian Services Incorporated (VSI), and
- 2.1.6. offering innovative and informative programs and services.

2.2. Agriculture Producers operating in the County may be eligible to receive reimbursement for costs associated with attending out-of-County events, workshops, seminars, or conferences providing information and education related to the business of agriculture, based on the following criteria:

- 2.2.1. Annually Council may include funds in the budget for this program.
- 2.2.2. Producers must apply to the Board prior to attending the event, including a description of the event, cost of registration, projected costs for accommodations for the duration of the event and the list of meals that are not included as part of the event fees.
- 2.2.3. Eligible expenses: Accommodations for the duration of the event, Meals not provided by the event, and registration fees.
- 2.2.4. Ineligible expenses: Travel costs and out of pocket expenses

2.2.5. Receipts are required for reimbursement of accommodations and registration fees. Meals not provided at the event will be reimbursed at the rates set out in the current Policy 1127 - Travel and Expense

2.2.6. The Board will evaluate applications and approvals will be on a first come first approved basis until the annual budget has been allocated.

- Event limit: A maximum of two approvals per producer or farm unit per year.

2.2.7. Reimbursement will not be released until the Producer(s) provides a written and verbal report to the board at a regular Agricultural Service Board meeting following the event. The report regarding the event must include the knowledge, skills or benefits received from attending the event.

- Time Limit: To be eligible for reimbursement the report must be made to the board at one of the next two regularly scheduled meetings following the event.

3. End of Policy

ADOPTED
Resolution C192-03

DATE:
March 25, 2003

AMENDED
Resolution C460-03
Resolution C876-03
Resolution C461(06/26/07
Resolution C164(02/22/11)
Resolution C190-13(04/12/16)
Resolution C285-16(05/10/16)

DATE:
June 24, 2003
November 25, 2003
June 26, 2007
February 22, 2011
April 12, 2016
May 10, 2016

APPLICATION - Agricultural Event Reimbursement

Clear Hills County encourages the adoption of innovative, appropriate technologies and practices that may be of economic benefit to County agricultural producers. The County may provide reimbursement to agricultural producers operating in the County for costs associated with attending eligible out-of-County events, such as workshops, seminars, or conferences that provide information and education related to the agriculture industry.

Interested Producers should apply in writing to the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) prior to attending the event. If approved, reimbursement will only be given after the Producer's written and verbal reports have been presented to the Board at a regular Agricultural Service Board Meeting. The Board has the discretion to determine the maximum amount of reimbursement for eligible expenses per approved application. Applications will be accepted throughout the year and be dealt with on a first come, first approved basis as the annual budget allows. Approvals will be to a maximum of two per year per producer or farm unit.

Eligible Expenses:

1. Accommodations for the duration of the event
2. Meals that are not included as part of the event fees
3. Cost of registration

Ineligible Expenses: Travel costs and out of pocket expenses.

Name of Agricultural Event: _____

Attach event information page or agenda, or describe the event _____

Dates: _____ **Location:** _____

Cost of Registration: _____

Estimated cost of accommodations to attend the event: _____

List meals that are **not** included as part of the event registration or fees:

Breakfasts _____ **Lunches** _____ **Dinners/Suppers** _____

NOTE: Receipts are required for reimbursement of accommodations and registration fees. Meals not provided at the event will be reimbursed at the rates set out in the current Policy 1127-Travel and Expense.

Approved applicants will be provided with an Expense Claim which must be completed and returned to the County with the necessary receipts attached for reimbursement to be processed, this will be held until the written and verbal report have been made to the ASB; the report must be made at one of the next two regularly scheduled meetings following the event.

FOR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD USE:	
ASB Members authorized to attend this event	_____
Concurrent sessions? YES NO	How many concurrent sessions? _____
Remaining Budget:\$	_____



Clear Hills County

Effective Date: April 12, 2016	Policy Number 6306
Title: CLUBROOT OF CANOLA POLICY	

1. Policy Statement

- 1.1. Clear Hills County will implement procedures to reduce the possibility of introduction, limit the spread, and minimize yield losses of Clubroot in Canola in the County.

2. Responsibilities

- 2.1. Agricultural Services staff will conduct a minimum of 25 field inspections, as per Clubroot in Canola Procedure 6306-01, for Clubroot on Canola grown in the County. Fields will be selected according to the following criteria:
 - 2.1.1. Fields surrounding an infected field; or fields associated with an infected field through equipment, geography, ownership, etc.
 - 2.1.2. Canola fields displaying symptoms similar to those infected with Clubroot
 - 2.1.3. Fields with a short or no crop rotation. (ie. canola on canola)
 - 2.1.4. Random fields throughout the County for adequate surveying coverage.
- 2.2. Agricultural Services staff will educate producers, general public and other industry about Clubroot of Canola, through newsletters, publications, workshops and one-on-one communications.
- 2.3. Any Canola crops displaying symptoms of Clubroot infection will be sampled and samples will be sent to a credible laboratory for confirming or denying the presence of Clubroot.
- 2.4. Agricultural Service Board will work cooperatively with neighboring municipalities and primary producers.

3. Enforcement

- 3.1. Upon confirmation of a Clubroot infected Canola field in the County:
 - 3.1.1. The landowner and registered occupant will be notified in writing with a legal notice in accordance with the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act.
 - 3.1.2. All landowners and registered occupants within a 5 mile radius of the field where Clubroot was confirmed, will be sent written notice that Clubroot was confirmed within 5 miles of their property. Additional information including the *Alberta Clubroot Management Plan*, Clubroot of Canola Policy 6306, Clubroot identification information, equipment cleaning procedures and information on minimizing the spread of Clubroot.
 - 3.1.3. A County wide public notice will be issued, informing the general public, contractors, stakeholders, industry and all County landowners that Clubroot of Canola has been confirmed in the County. This will be posted in the County newsletter and the local newspaper.
- 3.2. A Notice given for Clubroot will require for the infected field:

- 3.2.1. That no canola crop or any host crop shall be grown in that field for a minimum of 3 years, beginning with the year following the discovery of Clubroot infection in that field. In the 4th year a Clubroot resistant canola variety may be grown.
- 3.2.2. That all volunteer host plants (cultivars or weeds) must be destroyed to prevent more than 3 weeks growth.
- 3.2.3. That straw, chaff, feed, dirt, and debris must not be removed from the field for 4 years following the year of detecting Clubroot in the field.
- 3.2.4. That access areas to the infected field be seeded and maintained with non-susceptible grasses (for cleaning equipment).
- 3.2.5. That all equipment leaving that field must be cleaned by removing all dirt, plant material, and debris.
- 3.3. Infected fields will be monitored for compliance for 4 years following the issuance of the Notice.
- 3.4. Crops growing in non-compliance will be destroyed at the landowner's expense.
- 3.5. Should enforcement be required, additional administrative fees will be charged at 15% of the cost of enforcement.

4. Guidelines

- 4.1. Alberta Clubroot Management Plan
- 4.2. Peace Regional Clubroot Guideline 2.1

5. Reference to Legislation

- 5.1. Agricultural Pests Act
- 5.2. Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations of Alberta
- 5.3. Clear Hills County Pest Control Policy (6303)

6. End of Policy

ADOPTED

Resolution C344(06/10/08)

Date: June 10, 2008

AMENDED

Resolution C165(02/22/11)

Date: February 22, 2011

Resolution C192-16(4/12/16)

Date: April 12, 2016

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	June 13, 2016
Originated By:	Al Fletcher, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	BOARD REPORTS
File No:	63-10-02

DESCRIPTION:

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to present their reports.

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

At this time the Board members will have an opportunity to report on meetings attended and other agricultural related topics.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Chair Harcourt written reports

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board accepts the Board members' written or verbal reports of June 13, 2016 for information.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>Alj</i> AgFieldman:
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From: star harcourt <erharc@hotmail.com>
Sent: June-06-16 12:28 PM
To: Audrey Bjorklund
Subject: Fusarium Graminearum work shop Girouxville

Dr. Michael Harding, Alberta Ag.& Forestry.

Fusarium head blight affects the seed in the stage, the seed does not fill properly.
there will be shrunken, bleached kernels.
Graminearum is one of four pathogens.
Fusarium starts in the root system then to the seed crown, to the foliage, then to the seed.
Root spores are blown by the wind field to field. Burning is an option.
Since 2008 FDK....fusarium damaged kernels... incidence has been increasing in AB.
Very low level in our district #7 Peace Country.
Surveys are necessary to "find" the disease in the fields.
If the disease is found there will be yield loss, grade loss, quality loss.
The fungus moves around by the whim of the weather.
When you buy your seed ask the seller if the seed has been tested.
In Alberta last year the dollar loss was over 9 million.
Management..
Crop rotation is number one.
Scout crops monthly. Foliar fungicide during flowering.
Treat the seed. Take many samples of the bin.
Ask for a fungal screen and a DNA test

Harcourt.

From: star harcourt <erharc@hotmail.com>
Sent: June-06-16 1:23 PM
To: Audrey Bjorklund
Subject: Cattle Handling Systems. Waterhole Hall.

Cody Creelman DVM. Vet Agri-Health Services..Airdrie AB.

There is no perfect system.

Question is What do you want in the system?

Speed, accuracy, safety, animal awareness, low manpower, cost, steel or wood.

One Hutterite colony could pregcheck 175 head in one hour.

Basic training starts in the back pens.

Dr. Lynn Lacotelli....All systems work to some degree,

Cattle have a wide field of vision, minimum shadows, no loud noises,

no yelling, no stereo music, hydraulic pumps away from the shutes.

Use flags or paddles to encourage forward movement.

Refrain from prods but use only on the rump.

Women are better at moving cattle than men. Burn your fence posts!

Check the Growing Forward Programs.

Jack Nester..Livestock Equipment LTD.

Most cattlemen were doing fairly well till 2003 came along...BSE.happened.

Now traceability is mandatory.

Shute features...Head bender, a scoop under the head,limits head movement.

Noise not good, wood (hard) better than steel.

A curved ally better than straight rectangle.

Sheet the side your working from an open on opposite side.

Sun on their face not good.

The degree of slope important.

Crowding tub...the cow does not understand what you want them to do.

There are many shutes out there, Jack's opinion..the best on the market is the " Silencer".

He will customise to suit your system.

Harcourt.

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Agricultural Service Board Meeting
Meeting Date:	June 13, 2016
Originated By:	Al Fletcher, Agricultural Fieldman
Title:	INFORMATION & CORRESPONDENCE
File No:	63-02-02

DESCRIPTION:

The board is presented with correspondence for review.

BACKGROUND:

Attached are documents for the Board's information:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. The Pest Insider – Newsletter – (63-02-02)
2. Northern Sunrise County – Letter – (63-02-02)
3. SARDA – Be Cautious when Considering Selling your Surface Lease – Article – (63-02-02)
4. SARDA – Summer Field School – Article – (63-02-02)
5. Growing Forward 2 On-Farm Water Management Program – Letter – (63-02-02)
6. VSI Services – Letter – (63-10-40)
7. Alberta Farm Animal Care – Letter – (63-02-02)
8. Alberta Beef Producers – Letter – (63-02-02)
9. UCVM Beef Cattle Conference – Registration Package – (63-02-02)
10. Alberta Farm Express – GM Alfalfa Article – (63-02-02)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by _____ that this Agricultural Service Board receives the information & correspondence of June 13, 2016 as presented.

Initials show support - Reviewed by: Manager: <i>ABj</i> AgFieldman:
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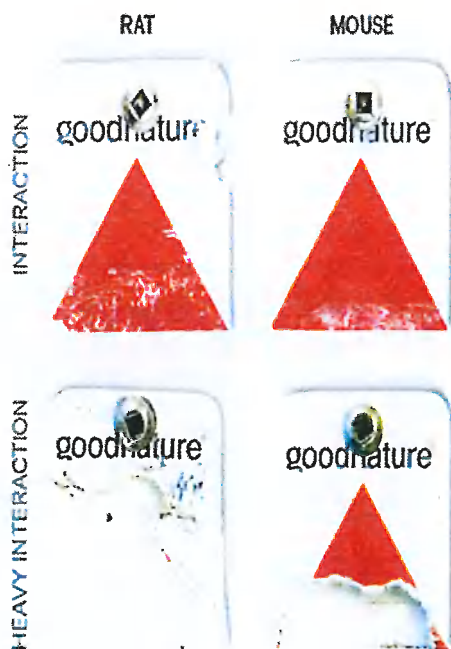
THE PEST INSIDER

Rat or Mouse?

Rodent identification is not always easy. One way to check is the size of the teeth marks left on walls, doors, chewed material, or bait. Bait blocks are the easiest method to check for teeth marks. Rats will chew off small chunks, while mice will nibble and leave fine dust. Below are chew marks of mice and rats on a detector card.

ANALYSE BITE MARKS

2 WHAT RODENTS WILL DO TO YOUR DETECTOR CARDS:



RATS and **MICE** are meticulous nibblers. They will often focus on one area, occasionally removing some plastic. A longer jaw length allows rats to mark further into the DETECTION SURFACE from the edge than mice.

HEAVY INTERACTION - The key difference between rat and mouse bite marks is that mice have small teeth and jaws that leave very fine marks with a neat finish. Conversely, rats leave a rougher finish, and you may see confetti-like litter beneath the card on the ground. Rats can also completely destroy the card with their gnawing.

We see the difference for our advantage, and thus, try to establish that we are superior to animals.
(Author Unknown)

In This Issue

- Rat or Mouse?
- Mongolian Guard Dog
- Pocket Gopher Control
- Wild Boars in AB & SK
- Rat Control with Goodnature A24
- Richardson's Ground Squirrels
- Artificial Nest Poles
- Pest Control Officer Notes - African Soft Furred Rats



Mongolian Dog Tradition Revived To Protect Sheep

In Mongolia, researchers and sheep herders are working to re-introduce the use of the bankhar dogs in helping to protect their flocks from predators such as wolves and snow leopards. 100 years ago, the use of the dogs was common, but they nearly disappeared during increased urbanization over the last century.

Cattle and sheep losses can be catastrophic for households, and the dogs are known to be intelligent and intuitive in their protection when trained correctly – for example, warding off predators but not attacking. Use of the dogs could also help the snow leopards, as their population is shrinking due to competition for land between livestock and wildlife. If fewer animals are lost to predation, the herders may be able to reduce livestock numbers and reduce the need to spread further into leopard territory.

You can find out more, and read about a family that has a bankhar dog with their flock, in the full article by Grace Brown on the Associated Press website at ow.ly/10nhz9

Innovative Pocket Gopher Control

Mountain View County and Leduc County are offering a \$1.00 per Northern Pocket Gopher (Mole) tail for a minimum of 50 tails and up to a maximum of 500, subject to funding, to encourage trapping to reduce pocket gopher numbers in their county. This could be a good way for some young entrepreneurs to make a buck, and reduce damage by pocket gophers.

CBC News Story About Wild Boars At Large in Alberta and Saskatchewan

CBC News published an article in February 2016 about concerns from farmers in Alberta and Saskatchewan that invasive wild boars are destroying crops and affecting grazing lands.

The article describes the effect boars at large can have on the land and livestock, and provides information about the history of wild boar in Western Canada. It also mentions Alberta's bounty program for wild boar at large. You can read the article on the CBC website at ow.ly/10n9kQ

Currently, we have 16 wild boar producers in the Province. They have tough fencing to ensure farmed wild boar do not escape into the environment. AF is working with these producers to reduce the risk of escapes through tight fencing standards.

A bounty of \$50.00 per pair of ears is still conducted in several counties, but the number of ears claimed in 2015 was much reduced from past years.





Native Island Rat Control with Goodnature A24

Native Island, New Zealand, is the first island to have had rats removed by Goodnature's self-resetting multi-kill traps. The traps are able to sustain control of re-invading rats, which has helped transform the island into a haven for native species. One year after the project started, rats were unable to be detected by rat-sniffing dogs.

Because of its close proximity to other islands, re-invasion is a constant threat. The Goodnature traps stay in place to control any new rats arriving on the island. The CO2 canister on the traps needs changing and the bait needs to be refreshed every six months.

You can watch a video about this product and project, and read more about it in the video description, on YouTube at youtu.be/ZedgyTsk-uw

Currently, some of our PCOs in Alberta have these A24 traps and are using them for special rat removal situations. They work well and can save time and money, particularly where poison baits cannot be employed.

Picture courtesy of Bell Laboratories Inc.





Richardson's Ground Squirrels

Richardson's Ground Squirrels (RGS) are threatening to be a problem this year. Control needs to be conducted early; before May. After green-up and the young have emerged, long-term control is reduced and success is reduced.

2% liquid strychnine concentrate (LSC) is the preferred toxicant used, and care must be taken that it is used safely and to reduce non-target poisonings. Bait in public access sites must use a labelled Tier 1 bait station, and strychnine is prohibited. Anticoagulant baits Rozol and Ramik Green are available and effective if used properly. Zinc Phosphide and Phostoxin are also registered for RGS control. Always follow the label carefully to reduce the non-target risk when baiting RGS.

Shooting and trapping are other tools to reduce gopher numbers, but are time consuming and less effective over large areas. For best results, these methods must also be conducted before May.

Drowning foam RoCon can be used in public access sites where other devices and baits are too hazardous to use.

RGS are important species for healthy populations of predators. Nesting platforms are encouraged to increase raptor predation in areas of no trees. Two round bales on end will serve as a good nest site on the prairies.

Contacts:
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310-FARM (3276)

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INFORMATION ON ARTIFICIAL NEST POLES FOR FERRUGINOUS HAWKS CAN BE FOUND AT:

<http://ow.ly/10rSdf>



Pest Control Officer Notes

Pet **African Soft Furred rats (ASF)** are a concern for PCOs. In Africa, they occupy a similar niche as the pesky *rattus* rat that we eradicate. ASF rats are legal pets and actually are a natal mouse, with females showing noticeable rows of teats.

ID Tips:

Norway rat – 22 cm, Small Ears, Ear Cannot Cover Eye, Tail Shorter Than Body (Brown).

Roof rat – 18 cm, Large Ears, Ear Can Cover Eye, Tail Longer Than Body (Black).

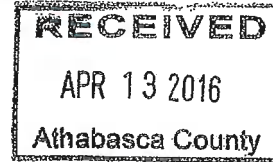
ASF rat – 14cm, Large Ears, Ear Can Cover Eye, Tail Shorter Than Body (Brown & White).



Picture courtesy of Lisa Monkman



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March 8, 2016

Honourable Christina Gray
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Honourable Oneil Carlier
Minister of Agriculture and Forestry
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Dear Minister Gray and Carlier:

RE: REQUEST TO EXTEND THE APRIL 30, 2016 DEADLINE FOR WCB

On behalf of the Northern Sunrise County Agricultural Service Board (ASB), we would like to express our concern on the lack of information provided to producers regarding the requirements under the *Worker's Compensation Act R.S.A 2000 Chapter W-15* since the *Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act*. The ASB believes it would be advantageous to host workshops regarding the details of the *Worker's Compensation Act* to engage the agricultural producers in understanding the requirements better.

Under Section 16(2) of the *Worker's Compensation Act R.S.A 2000 Chapter W-15*, it stipulates:

Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Board may, in its discretion or on the application of any interested party, by order deem any person or class of persons who have performed or are performing work for or for the benefit of another person to be workers of that other person for the purposes of this Act for the period or periods of time that the work was or is performed.

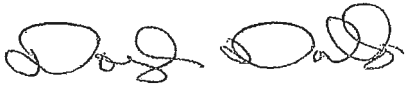
RSA 2000 cW-15 s16;2002 c27 s9

We request that an extension to this requirement be granted until the hosting of such workshops can clarify the requirements of the *Act* and the Board's position on different agricultural business organizational structures is established. We look forward to the government following through with its pledge to have genuine collaboration and cooperation with the agriculture industry.

We anxiously await a response with information that we can share with our producers.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Dallyn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Doug Dallyn,

Northern Sunrise County Agricultural Service Board Chair

cc: Honourable Danielle Larivee , MLA, Lesser Slave Lake
Debbie Jabbour, MLA, Peace River
Reeve Garrett Tomlinson and Council, Northern Sunrise County
Corey Beck, Peace Regional ASB Representative
Patrick Gordeyko, Provincial ASB Chair
Al Kemmere, AAMDC President
Trent Keller, AAAF President



Be Cautious When Considering Selling Your Surface Lease

From the May 2, 2016 issue of Agri-News

The Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) has received reports of one or more enterprises offering to buy surface leases from landowners.

"This is apparently being marketed as a means of eliminating a perceived risk of not getting paid," explains Jeana Les, rural engagement and communications specialist with the FAO. "From our perspective, this is misleading because landowners can recover unpaid rentals through the Surface Rights Board in the event that an operator has become insolvent or decided not to pay. This approach capitalizes on people's fears of not getting paid."

The FAO issued a [landowner advisory](#) on April 22, 2016, which is available on the [FAO website](#). "We encourage landowners to read the advisory posted on our website to better understand some of the possible implications of selling their surface leases," states Les. "Opting for a payout right now may seem attractive, but there are many factors to consider in the long-term."

The FAO has yet to receive complete details on the proposed agreements, and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

Sarah Hayward

From: Audrey Bjorklund
Sent: June-07-16 8:22 AM
To: Sarah Hayward
Subject: FW: SARDA's Summer Field School - June 22, 2016

Correspondence for ASB meeting

Audrey Bjorklund, CLGM

Community Development Manager
"We are what we repeatedly do." Aristotle

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From: SARDA [mailto:extension=sarda.ca@mail78.at151.rsgsv.net] **On Behalf Of** SARDA
Sent: June-07-16 8:00 AM
To: Audrey Bjorklund <Audrey@clearhillscounty.ab.ca>
Subject: SARDA's Summer Field School - June 22, 2016

Registrations now accepted for SARDA's Summer Field School -
June 22, 2016

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SARDA Summer Field School

On June 22th, SARDA will host its Annual Summer Field School. The event kicks off from the Donnelly Sportex at 8:30 am. A \$75 fees includes transportation to and from the trial site, a barbeque lunch, proceedings booklet and five speaker sessions.

The field school is designed to allow participants to interact closely with experts and fellow producers, participate in the presentations and view specially prepared demonstrations that showcase the topics. Every participant will have the opportunity to participate in each session during the day.

This years speakers and topics include:

1. Robyne Bowness (Alberta Pulse Growers) View and diagnose common pulse diseases and learn how to determine economic thresholds for applying appropriate fungicides.
2. Jay White (Aquality Environmental Consulting Ltd.) Jay will discuss what a wetland is and how it could impact your farm under the Wetland Policy.
3. Doug Penney (Agri-trend Coach) This session will look at the limitations of soil productivity in the Peace Region.
4. Jennifer Otani (Entomologist with Agriculture Canada) This session will show the different types of insect traps that are used to predict insect infestations, show the proper use of the bug net and encourage discussions on determining thresholds. Methods, timing and cultural practices that control insect issues will also be discussed.
5. Jim Bessel (Agri-trend Coach) will look at the effects of harvest losses and how they not only affect your bottom line but how they may affect future herbicide choice and insecticide infestations. He will also demonstrate the methods to determine what your combine losses are.

Plan to attend this wonderful opportunity to converse with agricultural experts and fellow producers.

Registrations can be completed on-line at www.sarda.ca , or by phoning SARDA at 780-837-2900.

Registrations will be accepted until June 17th or until the spaces are filled. Fees are: \$75/person early bird until June 10th or \$100/person after. Space is limited.



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Growing Forward 2
A federal-provincial-territorial initiative

CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

May 3, 2016

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www.agriculture.alberta.ca

Stan Logan
ASB Chairman
Clear Hills County
Box 240
Worsley AB T0H 3W0

Dear Mr. Logan:

Subject: Growing Forward 2 On-Farm Water Management Program

The Growing Forward 2 On-Farm Water Management Program continues to provide technical and financial assistance to individual agricultural producers in Alberta to develop and implement a Long-Term Water Management Plan (LTWMP) on their farms. Thank you for your continued assistance in helping deliver this service to our shared clientele.

Please consider the following important information when working with agricultural clients interested in accessing the Growing Forward 2 On-Farm Water Management Program:

- The Growing Forward 2 On-Farm Water Management Program runs until March 15th, 2018 and funds will continue to be available on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Applicants wishing to undertake eligible projects must have completed a LTWMP and have it approved by an Agriculture and Forestry (AF) Water Specialist **BEFORE** commencing construction. The approval of the LTWMP must pre-date any eligible expenses, invoices, or well drilling reports.
- LTWMPs that were approved in the 2009-2013 GF1 period can still be used if the water project to be constructed was identified in it. If they are not, an amendment can be made to the LTWMP and approved prior to starting this added project.
- Your clients can access additional information on the program and LTWMP templates at www.growingforward.alberta.ca or by calling the Ag-Info Centre at 310-FARM and asking to speak with an AF Water Specialist.
- Clients requiring assistance with developing a LTWMP can contact their regional ARD Water Specialist (listed below).

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Brandon Leask
Red Deer
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Melissa Orr-Langner
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Thank you again for your continued assistance in delivering this service and assistance to our shared clientele.

Yours truly,



Kristen Lorenz
Director, Farm Water Supply Branch

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April 29, 2016

Mr. Allan Rowe, CAO
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CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

Dear Allan

I am sending this letter as a follow up to the first quarter report of VSI expenditures, for your jurisdiction, that was e-mailed to aaron@clearhillscounty.ab.ca and sarah@chlearhillscounty.ab.ca.

Following is an estimate of your current VSI account status:

	Claims	Payments	Balance
Jan. 1, 2016			\$<3,739>
Payments in 2016		\$43,900	40,161
First Quarter	\$9,388		30,733

Your opening balance is subject to slight modification because we do not have the audited financial statement for 2015.

Administrative fees and investment income has not been calculated or included for the first three months of 2016.

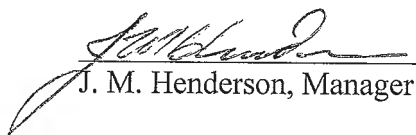
Overall there is a 4.3% increase in total claims for the first quarter of 2016 compared to 2015. Total costs have increased 12.3% over the same time period.

Five (5) of the sixteen (16) VSI jurisdictions had a decrease in their first quarter costs. Decreases ranged from 12.4% to 47.0% of 2015 first quarter costs. Increases, in the other eleven (11) jurisdictions ranged from 3.6% to 110.6% of 2015 first quarter costs.

Your 2016 first quarter claims are \$3,549 (**60.8%**) **higher** than they were in 2015.

If you have any questions or if you detect any errors in the report or in my calculations in this letter please let me know.

Yours sincerely


J. M. Henderson, Manager

cc Aaron Zylstra
Sarah Hayward

Sarah Hayward

From: Aaron Zylstra
Sent: May-02-16 1:35 PM
To: Sarah Hayward
Subject: FW: Announcing the New AFAC Executive Committee

ASB correspondence.

*Aaron Zylstra
Clear Hills County Ag. Fieldman*

From: Angela Greter [mailto:angela@afac.ab.ca]
Sent: April-27-16 2:04 PM
To: Aaron Zylstra
Subject: Announcing the New AFAC Executive Committee



Dear AFAC Members,

At the first Board meeting of our new Board of Directors (elected March 22, 2016), we elected our new Executive Committee. Please join me in welcoming the following individuals to the team!

Chair: Greg Bowie

Greg has over 30 years experience as a livestock consultant, specializing in nutrition, and has been a primary cattle producer for 35+ years. Greg has spent many years on various Boards, including a two-year term as Chair of Alberta Beef Producers. He is involved in many aspects of



animal care and welfare in Alberta.

Vice Chair: James Jenkins

James owns a commercial and purebred cow/calf operation and brings a youthful perspective to agriculture that compliments the experience brought forth by other members. He currently sits on the Western Stock Growers Association Board.



Finance Chair: Brent Bushell

Brent Bushell is the Western Hog Exchange's General Manager and brings over 30 years of business and management experience overall including over a decade of experience in the agricultural and not for profit arenas.



Council Chair: Casey Vander Ploeg

Casey is currently the Manager of Policy and Research with the Alberta Cattle Feeders Association. He brings over 25 years of policy development experience to the Board and six years of previous board experience with an unrelated non-profit organization, serving as both secretary and chair.



Our past-Chair, Brian Chomlak, will continue as an ex-officio member of the Board for the next year.

We look forward to working with you!



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Alberta Farm Animal Care Advisory Council Antimicrobial Use and Resistance – Impact on Animal Welfare

10:00 am – 3:30 pm, Tuesday, May 31, 2016
Airdrie Agriculture Centre, 97 East Lake Ramp, Airdrie

Purpose

All Alberta Farm Animal Care voting members are invited to attend Council meetings. This includes commodity organizations (producers and staff), individual producer members, industry associations, and agricultural service providers.

The Advisory Council is intended to provide a forum for discussion and debate, information sharing, and idea generation.

Objectives:

- Understand the issue of antimicrobial resistance and recommendations for antimicrobial use.
- Recognize and understand the efforts and initiatives that have been undertaken by various groups to address this issue – both with respect to producers and to the general public.
- Determine best next steps on tackling and moving these issues forward (i.e. protocols, tools, research, etc.) as a group.

Desired Outcomes:

- Industry roles and responsibilities around public engagement are understood – there needs to be a combination of local, provincial, and national efforts.
- Attendees recognize the changes that are in progress and heading toward us regarding antimicrobial use.
- The importance of proper stewardship and access to medication is understood by AFAC Advisory Council members and is passed along to other industry personnel and organizations.





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ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION AGENDA

- 10:00 am** **Setting the Stage** – Angela Greter, Alberta Farm Animal Care
- Welcome and opening remarks
 - Council purpose and objectives
 - Participant introductions
- 10:15 am** **Guest Presentations – Understanding the Issue from Different Perspectives**
- Dr. Manisha Mehrotra, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (telephone update)
 - Dr. Simon Otto, Government of Alberta
 - Dr. Phil Buote, Alberta Veterinary Medical Association
- 11:00 am** **Changes on the Horizon** – breakout groups
- What is your perception of the issue? Why does it matter? Are we heading towards “no use” policies?
 - What are you and/or your organization doing around these issues, if anything?
 - What could/should you be doing?
- 12:00 pm** **LUNCH**
- 12:45 pm** **Guest Presentations – Understanding the Issue from Different Perspectives**
- Dr. Reynold Bergen, Beef Cattle Research Council
 - Dr. Christy Goldhawk, Elanco
- 1:15 pm** **Building Capacity and Collaboration** – breakout groups
- Many groups are working on this issue – and a few others are not – what can we do as an industry to support one another?
 - How can we tackle this proactively?
- 2:15 pm** **BREAK**
- 2:30 pm** **Identifying Next Steps** – large group discussion
- Common interests/findings from small groups
 - Messages and key information for your organization/business
 - Areas in industry or the public eye that need more information or that others need to understand more fully
 - Recommendations to AFAC and others
- 3:30 pm** **Adjournment – thanks for your contribution today!**



June 9, 2016

Dear Agricultural Fieldman:

The Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) is seeking nominations for the 2017 Environmental Stewardship Award (ESA). The ESA recognizes cattle producers whose natural resource stewardship practices contribute to improving the environment and enhancing productivity and profitability.

If you know of a producer who would be an excellent ambassador for the beef industry, consider nominating them for the award. Take this opportunity to promote sound environmental practices and to present the positive story about cattle producers' contribution to the environment.

The winner will receive a commemorative gate sign and an all expenses paid trip for two from anywhere in Alberta to the 2016 ABP Annual General Meeting in Calgary, Dec 5-7, 2016.

The competition is open to all cattle producers. Deadline for nominations is July 15, 2016 and the winner will be announced at the 2016 ABP Annual General Meeting. A single nomination form has been attached. If you need any more or have any questions please call me at (403) 451-1183 or email richs@albertabeef.org.

Send nominations to: Alberta Beef Producers
Environmental Stewardship Award
320, 6715 - 8th Street NE
Calgary, Alberta T2E 7H7

Phone: (403) 451-1183

Fax: (403) 274-0007

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,



Rich Smith, P.Eng.,
Executive Director



Call For Nominations

The Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) is seeking nominations for the 2017 Environmental Stewardship Award (ESA).

The ESA recognizes cattle producers whose natural resource stewardship practices contribute to the environment and enhance productivity and profitability. Take this opportunity to share your environmental practices with other producers and to present the positive story about cattle producers' contribution to the environment.

Nomination forms are available from the Alberta Beef Producers office or from ABP delegates. All cattle producers are encouraged to either enter or nominate another producer who they think may qualify.

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Rules For Competition:

- Stewardship is defined as the environmentally beneficial management of natural resources.
- All applications must be typed and submitted on letter sized paper (8.5x11) or submitted electronically.
- Color photographs, maps, etc., are encouraged. Please provide a brief description of each item.
- Two independent letters of recommendation are required with one coming from an agricultural professional.
- Deadline for nominations is July 1, 2015 (extensions may be granted under special circumstances by the ESA chairman)
- Judging teams will tour each applicant's operation by the end of August, 2015.
- The winner will be officially announced in December at the 2015 ABP Annual General Meeting in Calgary.
- All applicants will be informed of the decision in September 2015.

Section I - Description of Operation

1. Please supply the following information:
 - a. Name of Operation
Name of individual(s) to be recognized
Address
Town, Postal Code
Phone
Email
 - b. Does the cattle business provide your primary source of income? Yes/No
2. What is the nature of your current operation: (i.e. cow/calf, feedlot, backgrounder, other livestock, farming, etc. relative to production agriculture)
3. Discuss the history of your operation: (i.e. length of ownership, major changes in structure or business plan, number of acres, leased acres, crown lease acres, and other pertinent data, (information on acreage, stocking rate, herd numbers, etc. is encouraged but voluntary))



ESA Nomination Form

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4. Give a brief ecological description of your land: (list cover types, terrain, water systems, average annual rainfall; if more than one property, list them separately by business name)
5. List all other uses of natural resources that provide income on your land: (examples include farming, timber, hunting, oil and gas production, mining, etc.)
6. List all organizations that your operation has utilized in environmental efforts: (government and non-government agencies i.e. PFRA, Ducks Unlimited, forage associations, etc.)

Section II - Discuss the Stewardship Goals of Your Operation

Please describe the resource management goals of your operation in terms of stewardship and conservation. Supporting information and benchmark data is encouraged. (use additional pages if necessary)

Section III - Stewardship Accomplishments

Describe specific, innovative stewardship practice(s) in detail pertaining, but not limited to, the following resources:

- energy
- water systems
- air
- vegetation
- wildlife
- soil
- manure

Include pertinent supporting information such as maps and photos. Before and after photos are encouraged. No videos will be accepted. (use additional pages if necessary)

Section IV - Productivity and Leadership



ESA Nomination Form

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Please answer the following questions. (use additional pages if necessary)

1. How have your stewardship practices affected your cattle business, including productivity and profitability? (direct or indirect effects)

2. Discuss any of the following that are appropriate to your business.
 - a. Leadership activities or involvement in local, regional, and national efforts to improve stewardship among cattle businesses and/or the public's perception of the cattle industry. (i.e. public speaking and presentations, tours, etc.)

 - b. Involvement in cooperative research, demonstration, education, or government programs that promote environmental stewardship.

3. What reasons would you give to other producers for implementing these or similar conservation/stewardship programs in their business?

4. How does your cattle operation contribute to a positive public perception of cattle's impact on the environment?

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Cc: John Kastelic

Subject: 6th Annual UCVM Beef Cattle Conference - June 16th & 17th, 2016

Attachments: 2016 UCVM Beef Conference Program.pdf; Speaker Composite 2016.pdf

Good afternoon,

The **6th Annual UCVM Beef Cattle Conference** will be held on June 16th & 17th, 2016. This two-day event will address important current beef industry issues. This year, the focus will be on *Infectious Disease Diagnosis and Control*, including:

- Disease overview of diarrhea, respiratory disease and others
- Biosecurity, vaccination, preconditioning and economics
- Workshops: Managing pre-weaning diseases, infectious lameness in the feedlot and administering veterinary pharmaceuticals

The 6th Annual UCVM Beef Cattle Conference will begin with a half day of workshops (held on the morning of June 16th at our Spyhill Campus, 11877 85 Street NW) followed by a 1.5-day conference (June 16th-17th) at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino (1000, 11500 – 35 Street SE) in Calgary, Alberta.

Speakers this year include experts from Colorado State University, Purdue University, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, University of Saskatchewan, University of Calgary (UCVM), veterinary practitioners and beef industry leaders. Program details and other essential information are attached and can be also be downloaded at www.vet.ucalgary.ca/beef. ****Please note that early bird registration ends on Sunday, May 15th****

Plenty of time will be allocated for networking and interaction with conference presenters and beef industry stakeholders. On behalf of UCVM, we invite you to attend our 6th Annual UCVM Beef Cattle Conference. We know you will take home valuable and applicable knowledge on current topics of concern to the beef industry and your farm or business.

If you have any questions, please contact our conference coordinator Ophira Charikar at (403) 210-6420 or email beef@ucalgary.ca. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Drs. John Kastelic and Claire Windeyer, Conference Chairs
Department of Production Animal Health
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
University of Calgary

Thursday, June 16

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

UCVM Clinical Skills Building, Spyhill Campus
11877 – 85th St NW, Calgary, AB

Workshops will be offered in two streams, Cow-Calf and Feedlot, running concurrently.
Lunch is included with registration.

Registration is limited to a maximum of 40 participants in each session.

7:30 – 8:00 AM REFRESHMENTS AND REGISTRATION

8:15 – 9:45 AM Session A

9:45 – 10:00 AM Switch Stations

10:00 – 11:30 AM Session B

1. Cow-Calf Stream

A. Managing disease in the pre-weaned calf | Dr. Mark Hilton, Elanco Animal Health
Cow-calf producers: do you want to produce “high health” calves that perform profitably for you and for the feedlot owner? This session will address how nutrition, environment, genetics, and vaccinations work together to produce “high health” calves that buyers will be lining up to purchase. We’ll discuss what is proven to work out on the ranch and give you some information to take back and use to produce these superior cattle.

B. Proper injection, implants and drug handling | Dr. Sarah Depenbrock & Dr. Edouard Timsit, University of Calgary

Participants will get a review of drug and vaccine handling practices to maximize efficacy of these products. They will also learn the anatomy, animal health, and meat quality implications of different injection sites and techniques. Additionally, participants will learn about implant use and implant injection techniques. Finally, a review of treatment record recommendations will be provided.

2. Feedlot Stream

A. Proper injection, implants and drug handling | Dr. Sarah Depenbrock & Dr. Edouard Timsit, University of Calgary (See 1B above).

B. Lameness in feedlot: It’s not always footrot | Dr. Karin Orsel, University of Calgary & Dr. Sonia Marti, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Lameness is a common disorder in feedlot cattle with the origin being either infectious or non-infectious. If we look carefully at feet, we diagnose more and more infectious claw disorders that are not Footrot, particularly Digital Dermatitis. In this workshop we will address DD’s clinical presentation, how it can be recognized, and the challenges of treatment and prevention.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM LUNCH

12:30 – 1:30 PM TRAVEL TO DEERFOOT INN & CASINO



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Thursday, June 16

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Deerfoot Inn and Casino
11500 - 35 St SE, Calgary, AB

1:00 - 1:30 PM	REFRESHMENTS AND REGISTRATION
1:30 - 1:40 PM	Welcome Address & Booth Intros
1:40 - 2:30 PM	Dr. Frank Garry, Colorado State University Calf Scours 101
2:30 - 2:50 PM	Dr. Meaghan Crawford, UCVM Class of 2015 <i>Case Report: Johnes's disease</i>
2:50 - 3:20 PM	Refreshment Break
3:20 - 4:10 PM	Dr. Edouard Timsit, University of Calgary Respiratory Disease 101
4:10 - 4:30 PM	Samat Saimaiti, University of Calgary <i>Current Research Update: Pathogens associated of BRD in Alberta feedlots</i>
4:30 - 5:00 PM	Student Poster Pitches
5:00 - 6:00 PM	SOCIAL RECEPTION / POSTER SESSION

Friday, June 17

7:30 - 8:00 AM	REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:00 - 8:10 AM	Welcome Address
8:10 - 8:50 AM	Dr. Eugene Janzen & Dr. Carolyn Legge, University of Calgary Disease identification clicker quiz
8:50 - 9:10 AM	Dr. Sarah Depenbrock, University of Calgary <i>Case Report: An atypical case of lameness in a simmental bull</i>
9:10 - 10:00 AM	Dr. Frank Garry, Colorado State University Practical biosecurity
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Refreshment Break
10:30 - 10:50 AM	Dr. Bailey Smith, UCVM Class of 2016 <i>Case Report: A case of a stillborn calf with congenital abnormalities</i>
10:50 - 11:40 AM	Dr. Mark Hilton, Elanco Animal Health Preconditioning solutions
11:40 AM - 12 PM	TBA <i>Current Research Update/Case Report</i>
12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH (WITH POSTER PRESENTATIONS)
1:00 - 1:50 PM	Dr. Philip Griebel, University of Saskatchewan On-farm vaccination
1:50 - 2:10 PM	Sarah Cottle, University of Calgary <i>Current Research Update: Shedding of Moraxella spp. during pinkeye outbreaks on cow-calf ranches in Alberta</i>
2:10 - 3:00 PM	Dr. Ty Perrett, Feedlot Health Management Services Economics of disease control strategies
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Refreshment Break and Adjournment



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2016 UCVM Beef Cattle Conference Speakers



Dr. Sarah Depenbrock, DACVIM (LAIM), DVM, MSc

Clinical Instructor, University of Calgary, AB

Dr. Sarah Depenbrock recently joined the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine team. She received her veterinary education from the University of California at Davis and spent her first three years in practice as a rural mixed animal veterinarian before deciding to specialize in production animals. She then completed a three year large animal internal medicine residency at The Ohio State University, where she focused on production animals. During this time she also completed a Master of Science in veterinary clinical sciences and studied the use of antimicrobial drugs as regional limb perfusions in cattle. She is proud to call Calgary her new home and looks forward to serving the agricultural community of Alberta.



Dr. Franklyn Garry, BSc, DVM, MSc

Professor, Colorado State University, Colorado, USA

Dr. Franklyn Garry grew up on a dairy farm in Upstate New York. He received a BSc and DVM from Cornell University and a MSc from The Ohio State University. After working in a dairy practice in upstate New York, he received advanced clinical training at Maximilian University, Munich, Germany and at The Ohio State University. Dr. Garry is a specialist in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. He is currently a Professor at Colorado State University, where he has been in the Department of Clinical Sciences since 1987. Since 1996, he has coordinated the Integrated Livestock Management program at CSU. This is a multidisciplinary graduate studies program that focuses research and training efforts on problems in cow/calf, feedlot, and dairy agriculture.



Dr. Philip Griebel, DVM, PhD

Professor, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK

Philip Griebel is a Research Fellow at the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO-Intervac) and Professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Saskatchewan. He graduated with a BSc in Cell Biology from the University of Victoria in 1977. Then he obtained a DVM from WCVU, University of Saskatchewan in 1981 and subsequently completed a PhD in Immunology at the University of Saskatchewan in 1988. He has been active in research related to mucosal immunity and vaccines for over 25 years and has published over 150 peer-reviewed articles. His current research focus is the mucosal immune system in newborn calves and developing mucosal vaccine delivery vehicles and vaccination strategies to optimize disease protection.

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Dr. Mark Hilton, BSc, DAVBP, DVM

**Clinical Professor, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, USA
Elanco Animal Health, Greenfield, IN, USA**

Dr. W. Mark Hilton is a beef cow-calf technical services veterinarian for Elanco Animal Health. From 1998 – May of 2015 he was a Clinical Professor of Beef Production Medicine at Purdue University. From 1983 – 1998 he was a partner and practice owner of an 80% Food Animal Practice in DeWitt, Iowa. Dr. Hilton has a BSc in Animal Science and a DVM from Purdue. Dr. Hilton is a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in the Beef Cattle Specialty and teaches an advanced beef production medicine block that is open to students from around the world. Dr. Hilton is one of the authors of the “Vet’s Opinion column in *BEEF* magazine. He has received numerous teaching awards, including the SCAVMA National Teaching Award in 2000, the Continuing Educator of the Year Award/Food Animal at the 2009 Western Veterinary Conference, and the AABP/Merial Excellence in Preventive Medicine Award for Beef in 2012. In 2013, *Bovine Veterinarian* magazine named him one of the 20 most influential bovine veterinarians in North America.



Dr. Eugene Janzen, DVM, MVSc

Professor, University of Calgary, AB

Dr. Eugene Janzen received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) in 1972 from WCVU, University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Janzen spent three years practicing in northeastern Alberta before returning to WCVU on an Alberta-sponsored fellowship to complete a post-graduate degree. In 1977, Dr. Janzen received a MVSc from the University of Melbourne, Australia and he accepted a position with the Ambulatory Clinic at the WCVU. In this position, Dr. Janzen focused primarily on beef cattle medicine. Dr. Janzen became associated with Feedlot Health Management Services in 2003. In 2005, Dr. Janzen, began his affiliation with Canada’s newest veterinary medicine program with the University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM), that accepted its first class of students in September 2008. Dr. Janzen is a professor in Feedlot Medicine & Disease Investigation at UCVM.



Dr. Carolyn Legge, Dipl. ACVP, DVM, MVSc

Specialist - Anatomic Pathology, Diagnostic Services Unit, University of Calgary, AB

Dr. Legge completed a Master of Science in the spring 2005 while continuing her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program at the Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC). She graduated from the DVM program in 2007 and then continued her career in small animal practice. Dr. Legge then returned to the AVC, where she completed a Master of Veterinary Science and a Senior Residency in Anatomic Pathology in 2011. Dr. Legge became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (Anatomic Pathology) in the September of 2011 and accepted a diagnostic pathologist position at the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture Animal Health Laboratory. Dr. Legge joined UCVU in 2013 as a Specialist, Anatomic Pathology for the Diagnostic Services Unit (DSU).

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Dr. Sonia Marti Rodriguez, BSe, MSc, PhD

Postdoctoral Student, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Lethbridge Research Centre, AB

Dr. Sonia Marti Rodriguez received a Bachelor of Agricultural and Food Engineering in Animal Production from the Polytechnical University of Catalunya and University of Lleida, Spain. Thereafter, she received a Masters Degree (Animal and Food Sciences) and a PhD (Veterinary Medicine) from the University Autònoma of Barcelona. She is currently completing postdoctoral studies at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Lethbridge Research Centre on the prevalence, characterization and risk factors associated with lameness in feedlot cattle.



Dr. Karin Orsel, Dipl. ECBHM, DVM, MSc, PhD

Associate Professor, University of Calgary, AB

Dr. Orsel completed a DVM at the Utrecht University in 1996 and began working as a veterinarian in several veterinary practices in The Netherlands. In February 1997 she took a position at the ambulatory clinic of the Department of Farm Animal Health in Utrecht. After being actively involved in an epidemiological study during the epidemic of foot and mouth disease in 2001, she started a PhD on this topic from February 2002 - 2007. She obtained a MSc degree in veterinary epidemiology and economics in 2004. Dr. Orsel joined the Faculty at UCVM in February 2008 as assistant professor in Epidemiology in the Department of Production Animal Health, with a main focus on infectious diseases of cattle. Her research interests include the transmission of infectious diseases among cattle, with a focus on feedlot health, zoonotic diseases and applied research in cattle. Dr. Orsel is a member of two research focus groups at UCVM: "pain and animal welfare" and "emerging infectious diseases".



Dr. Tye Perrett, BScAg, DVM

Managing Partner, Feedlot Health Management Services Ltd., Okotoks, AB

Dr. Tye Perrett received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Alberta in 1995, and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 1999. After graduation Dr. Perrett joined the Lethbridge Animal Clinic as an associate and then a partner in the practice. In 2004, he became associated with Feedlot Health Management Services Ltd. and is currently a Managing Partner. He has been the director as well as the president of both the Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners and the Canadian Association of Bovine Veterinarians. Dr. Perrett was the recipient of the 2012 Boehringer-Ingelheim Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners Veterinarian of the Year Award. Dr. Perrett, Tanya and their 5 boys (ages 17, 14, 12, 9, and 6) very much appreciate living on their small acreage just outside of Okotoks where they spend time enjoying their horses and are active in church and sports activities.

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Dr. Edouard Timsit, DVM, PhD, Diplomate of the European College of Bovine Health Management (ECBHM)

Assistant Professor, University of Calgary, AB

Dr. Timsit obtained a DVM degree with honors from the University of Liège (Belgium) in 2006. Afterwards, he completed a residency for the European College of Bovine Health Management (ECBHM) combined with a PhD on Bovine Respiratory Disease (BRD) at the Nantes-Atlantic College of Veterinary Medicine (France). In 2012, Dr. Timsit joined the University of Calgary (Canada) as an Assistant Professor in Cattle Health, where he developed a collaborative research program on BRD detection, diagnosis and treatment in feedlot cattle. In addition to his research and teaching at the University of Calgary, Dr. Timsit works one day per week at a feedlot consulting practice: Feedlot Health Management Services, in Okotoks, AB.

Coexistence plan for GM alfalfa won't eliminate risk

Expert says stopping the spread of the glyphosate-tolerant trait is virtually impossible, but levels can be kept 'very, very low'

BY ALEXIS KIENLEN
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The recently released "coexistence plan" for genetically modified alfalfa in Western Canada doesn't offer any guarantees that conventional and organic crops won't be contaminated, says an expert on gene transfer.

"It really depends on what you're trying to achieve," said Rene Van Acker, a professor of plant science at the University of Guelph. "If it's a threshold of zero, that's difficult, if not impossible."

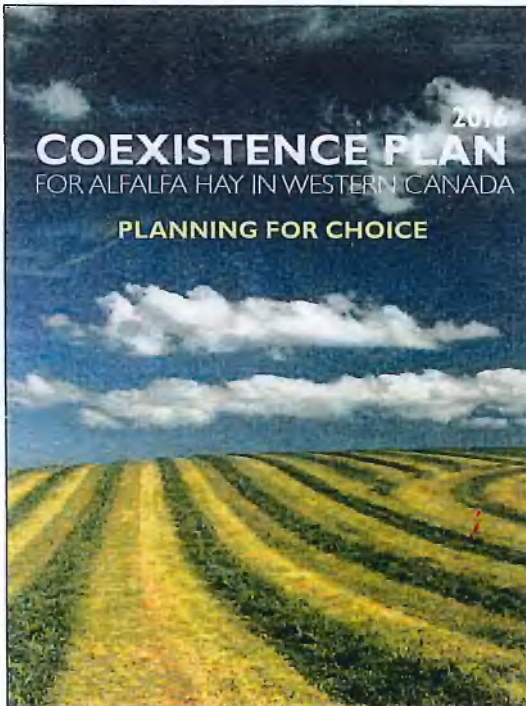
Van Acker co-authored two of the four papers reviewed by a group of forage specialists, seed producers, and alfalfa growers who created the voluntary coexistence guidelines for the Canadian Seed Trade Association.

Although GM alfalfa isn't currently being grown in Western Canada, the release of the plan has raised fears it will pave the way for commercial production of the controversial crop. A similar plan was created for Eastern Canada in 2013 and in March, Forage Genetics International announced it would sell limited amounts of HarvXtra alfalfa, a glyphosate-tolerant variety, this spring.

A number of groups—including Forage Seed Canada, Peace Region Forage Seed Association, and Organic Alberta—say contamination of conventional and organic forage seed and hay would cost them lucrative markets that have a zero-tolerance policy for GM traits.

"Zero is a very low number," said Van Acker. "There's always the possibility for something very rare, and it would be very rare."

"I'm not sure that the threshold should be zero. If there was a threshold of .01 per cent, then they should have something to work with. With reasonable practices and awareness and neighbours talking to each



other, things are possible. It is possible to maintain decent segregation at a reasonable threshold level."

Since the GM variety has been registered for commercial sale and production by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, there is no legal recourse if the GM trait spreads to conventional or organic alfalfa.

"There's no compensation if you are contaminated, and no one can enforce the best management practices because it's not required by law," said Van Acker.

In Europe, there is coexistence legislation, with legal regulations and search and seizure rights. Nothing like that exists in North America.

In April, 15 farm organizations asked the federal agriculture minister to ban the sale of GM alfalfa until a full economic impact assessment

is conducted. The Alberta Association Of Municipal Districts has made a similar call to the province, but neither government has responded to the requests.

At this point, the best option may be for concerned growers in a region to work together to reduce the threat by employing best practices, especially separation distances, said Van Acker.

People should also recognize that any transfer of the Roundup Ready trait to feral alfalfa is a different situation from what happens when weeds become resistant to glyphosate, he said. In the latter, weeds with the trait are "selected" because glyphosate is constantly being used.

"There's a piece of good news," said Van Acker. "If it's a Roundup Ready trait, that trait is a neutral trait and it is not selected for in the environment



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RENE VAN ACKER



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unless you spray Roundup. If it escapes into an environment where Roundup isn't sprayed on the population, then the frequency of the trait in the population remains at the invasion level—very, very low."

If genetically modified alfalfa contaminates conventional or organic at a low level—such as one in 10,000 plants—it should remain at that level in the population.

However, getting rid of even a low level of contamination is virtually impossible. And while the best management practices in the coexistence plan are good guidelines, they also come with challenges, said Van Acker.

"Best management practices include things like managing roadsides (by mowing or spraying with another herbicide). Whose jurisdiction is that? And how diligent are you going to be or do you have to be?"

In order to implement an effective coexistence plan, producers growing GM alfalfa need to be diligent and also talk with growers who may be affected, he said.

It's also important to watch what happens with thresholds in GM-sensitive markets.

"Even in Europe, there's a threshold for final products for the labelling of GM, but that still hasn't been parsed out for how clean the seed has to be, for example," said Van Acker. "If the final product in the grocery store is .09 (per cent), how clean does the seed need to be? That still makes things difficult. That's where many people—exporters in particular—are thinking, watching and worrying."

The coexistence plan can be found at www.cdnseed.org.

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