

## When buying hay, don't get more than you bargained for.

After being hit with another drought and high hay prices, producers in Alberta have been struggling to feed their livestock. As a result, hay from out-of-province has been shipped in to try and alleviate the hardships. However, the help could end up doing more harm than good in the long run.

Producers who purchase hay from out-of-province without checking it, run the risk of bringing in invasive weeds not currently present in the County.

It does not take long after hay and weeds are spread on prime farmland for stubborn weeds to appear.

The Agriculture Service Board is still fighting old weed infestations of Nodding Thistle, Chamomile, Knapweed and Leafy Spurge from hay brought in nearly 30 years ago – in the late 80's.

We have no doubt that it will affect the County in years to come.

If farmers need to buy hay, simple measures can be taken to prevent the introduction and spread of noxious weeds. It's a good idea to:

- Buy locally
- Buy within the province. Not all hay is bad, but you are generally safe to purchase hay in southern Alberta.
- Purchase from reputable producers.

- Avoid purchasing Hi-way ditch hay, as there is a greater risk of Invasive Species.
- Do your research to find out what invasive weeds are in the area where the hay is harvested.
- Keep imported hay separate from local-source hay.
- Have the delivery truck cleaned thoroughly at the storage site before it departs to prevent weeds from spreading along laneways leading out of your yard.
- Monitor the storage site for two to three years for new weed growth and destroy those that emerge with recommended management practices.
- Feed known-source local hay in a confined area before re-introducing livestock to pasture.
- Store manure produced while feeding imported hay separate from manure produced on local feed.
- Monitor the manure pile for new weeds.
- Clean equipment used in these hay and manure areas prior to moving on to other tasks.
- Monitor your pasture for new weeds. The best time to monitor your weeds is mid-summer since many plants flower during this period and, therefore, will be more conspicuous. Plan ahead for some touring next summer.

**For more information please contact your Ag Fieldman at 403-642-2255 or stop in at the Ag Service Board building. Hours of operation: Monday – Thursday 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**



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### County of Warner No. 5



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## From the October 8, 2019's Council Organizational Meeting:

Here is the results of that meeting



**Randy Taylor**  
Reeve



**Phil Jensen**  
Deputy Reeve



**Shawn Rodgers**  
Ag Service Board Chair



**Dave Cody**  
Ag Service Board Vice Chair



## Controlling of Richardson Ground Squirrel (gophers)

The County of Warner No.5 Agriculture Service Board is urging all farmers and ranchers to consider early control of the gopher population, before green grass appears.

Products available for purchase through the Ag Service Board building include:

- 2% Liquid Strychnine Concentrate for Agricultural producers: rate at 250 ml in 1 kg of clean (hulled or hullless) oats or wheat.
- The rodenticide Rozol (anti-coagulant)
  - Ready-To-Use Premix in 20 lb pail
  - Ready – To – Use Premix in 50 lb bag
- Also registered for ground squirrel control in Alberta is the fumigant, aluminum phosphide and is available to producers with a valid Farmer's Pesticide Certificate (FPC).

**\*\* You cannot buy fumigants if you don't have a valid Farmer's Pesticide Certificate \*\***

- "Accessing and using fumigants has become more complex as requirements for application and record keeping have changed. Products containing phosphine are highly toxic and rules have been recently updated to reduce the risk to both the applicators and the public." (Health Canada)

- **Labeling Requirements for Fumigating Rodent Burrows:** Purchase or rental use of a National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) approved respirator is required.

\*Fast acting fumigant must not be used within 500 meters (1,500 ft) of residential area

\*When the air or soil temperature is below 5°C, fumigation is not recommended.

Other gopher control methods include:

- Shooting, using traps, cultivating burrows.
- Biological controls – nest boxes or owls and hawks. Leaving existing lone trees in place and protecting lone trees from rubbing or damage by cattle.
- Cultural controls – crop rotation, use of buffer zones etc.

To purchase these products please stop in at the new Ag Service Board Building located on the north-side of the Village of Warner or if you require more information please contact the Ag Fieldman at (403) 642-2255.

**Location New ASB Building**

**West of the Public Works Shop  
172008 Township Rd 4-2  
Warner AB**

# Farmer Pesticide Certificate Course



## UPCOMING DATES:

December 12, 2019  
 January 16, 2020  
 January 30, 2020

## LOCATION & TIME:

COUNTY OF WARNER  
 AG SERVICE BOARD MEETING ROOM  
 8:30AM - 5:00PM DAY 1

The **Cost is \$65** - this covers the course materials and lunch.

The Farmer Pesticide Certification course is a tool intended to help farmers to reduce risks associated with pesticide use and is mandatory for farmers who wish to use restricted pesticides that require a certificate. Pesticides play a vital role in modern farming in Alberta. Used properly, they are an effective method of protecting crops and livestock. However, if used incorrectly, these chemicals have the potential to cause serious harm to people and the environment. It is therefore essential that farmers use pesticides in the most professional manner, to ensure that unintended adverse effects are kept to a minimum.

### **Who Needs to be Certified?**

- Any farmer that wishes to apply restricted chemicals to their grain or land. i.e. Fumigants
- The certificate expires 5 years after date of issue, to continue using restricted chemicals you will need to retake the course after 5 years

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR BINS REGULARLY TO PREVENT INSECT INFESTATION. FUMIGATION IS A LAST RESORT; HOWEVER, THE FARMER PESTICIDE COURSE GIVES YOU THE CERTIFICATE TO APPLY FUMIGANTS.**

*If you have any questions about the new Farmer Pesticide Certificate Course, please contact the County of Warner Ag Service Board at **403-642-2255***

*Pre-registration is required for this course; please call the Ag Service Board*



## Taxes are Due November 30<sup>th</sup>

The County of Warner would like to remind everyone that property taxes are due November 30, 2019 in order to avoid penalties. The County office is located at 300 County Road in the Village of Warner. It is important to note that the office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Cheques can be made payable to the County of Warner No. 5. If the cheques are mailed the envelope should be clearly postmarked by Canada Post no later than November 30, 2019. (A postage imprint is not an acceptable proof for date of mailing)

There is a NIGHT DEPOSIT located just right of the County main entrance doors.

### Development Permits

Development permits are available through the County Administration office. The fee for the permit will depend on the type of permit being applied for. Fees range from \$50 - \$100 for basic permits that include permitted use and a minimum fee of \$200 for discretionary permits. Adjacent landowners must be notified for any discretionary use permit. Non-residential farm buildings (barns, etc.) are exempt, but must meet the required setbacks from road allowances.

### Permitted Use Permit

A permitted use permit can generally be issued the day it is applied for if all setbacks and other requirements are met. Please call the County Administration Office and speak to our development officer Tyler Nelson for information on permitted uses in the area you are applying for. To expedite the approval process, completely fill out the application form and include a detailed site plan showing all setbacks from road allowances and other buildings and waterways. Homes must include a detailed plan showing square footage or square meters of buildings or additions.

### Discretionary Use Permit

Adjacent landowners must be notified when a discretionary use permit is requested. The County is required to allow seven days for mailing of the notice and fourteen days for the opportunity to reply. If no objections are received, a permit is issued, however, adjacent landowners must once again be notified that the permit has been issued and there is one more opportunity to object. The seven days for mailing and fourteen days to reply is once again in effect. Therefore, an absolute minimum of six weeks is required, but could take longer. If objections to discretionary permits are received, a hearing is scheduled which adds several more weeks before a decision is made to issue the permit or not. When discretionary permits are required it is advisable to apply for them as soon as possible in order to avoid delays in the desired start date for construction.

### Road Setbacks

Buildings and other developments/improvements such as dugouts, must be at least 120 feet from the property line of the nearest county road, unless the road is a primary or secondary highway. If the road is a primary or secondary highway, the setbacks are established by Alberta Transportation. New shelterbelts must be set back 25 feet from any property line and must be set back at intersections so sight lines are not obstructed. The above setbacks are also required for undeveloped road allowances. Stockpiles are defined as the temporary storage of materials on or off a hard surface. Materials stored include: soil, manure, forage crop, or machinery. The setbacks shown in the above paragraph must be met. A full Copy of the Land Use By-Law and Development application forms are available on our website

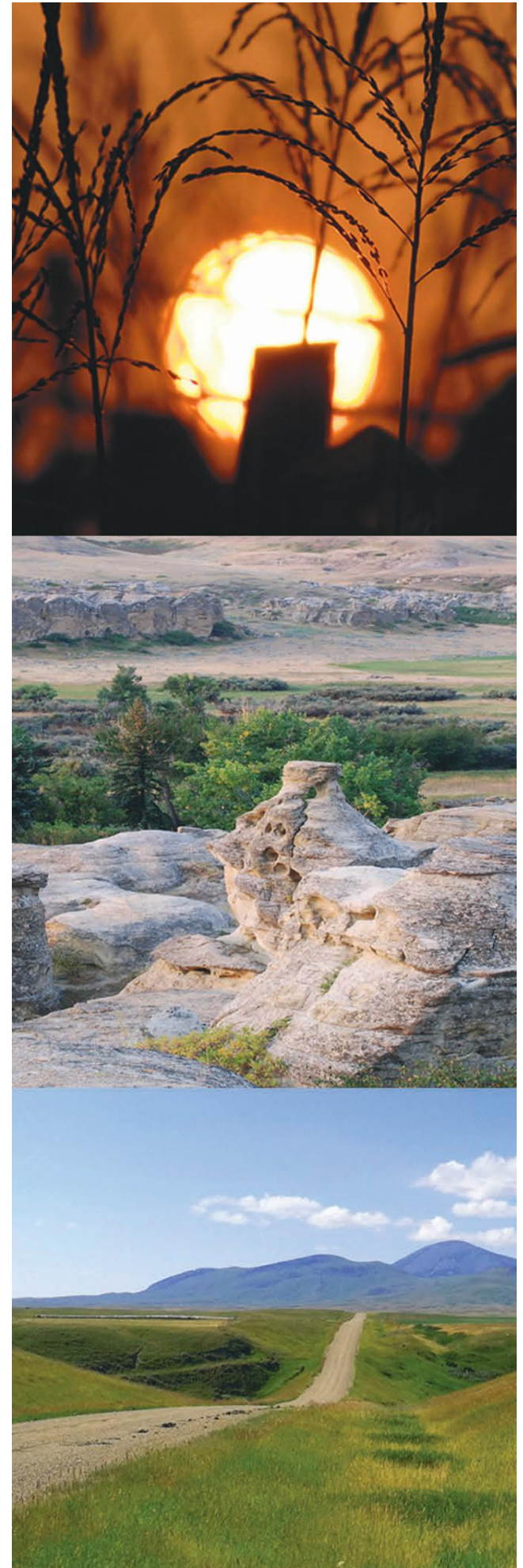
### Subdivisions

All County of Warner subdivision applications are handled through the Oldman River Regional Services Commission located at 3105 - 16 Avenue North in Lethbridge. Steve Harty is the County planner and he can be reached at 403-329-1344 or 1-877-329-1387. More information about subdivision is available on the Oldman River Regional Services Commission website [www.orrsc.com](http://www.orrsc.com).

### Fire Permits

A fire permit is required before lighting any open fire in the County of Warner. This does not include screened burning barrels or recreational fire pits. **Please obtain a fire permit by calling your local fire department's fire chief.** Their contact information is available on our website. Failure to get a permit could lead to fines and the landowner responsible for payment of fire services responding to the fire.

We look forward to your yearly visit and if you have any questions please contact our office at (403) 642 - 3635 or 1-888-642-2241.



*Farmers committed to*

# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



## What is an EFP?

The Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is a whole farm **environmental risk assessment tool**.

- An EFP is completely **voluntary**.
- Producers complete their EFP with the help of a **trained EFP technician**.
- Producers can now complete their workbook **online**.
- Completing an EFP is **FREE!**
- All of your information is kept **confidential**.
- Depending on your farm, a workbook can be **completed in 1 - 2 days**.

## Reasons to Complete an EFP:

- Creating awareness and assessing **environmental risks** in your operation.
- Essential to the **sustainable production** of crops and livestock.
- Increase efficiencies and **reduce production costs**.
- Become **eligible for funding** under the Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change programs of the Canadian Agriculture Partnership (previously Growing Forward 2).
- Key for marketing and **sustainable sourcing** requirements and programs.

## Do EFPs expire?

- **Yes**. Effective April 1, 2018, EFP, you will need an EFP certificate **dated within the last 10 years** to be eligible for cost-share funding.
- We encourage you to **update your EFP online**. Completing an EFP online makes future renewals simpler and easier. Data entered into your account will be saved, and will not have to be re-entered for the next renewal.
- If you previously completed a paper workbook, use it as a reference when you use the online tool.

## RENEW YOUR PLAN, ACCESS FUNDING, REVITALIZE YOUR FARM

If your Alberta Environmental Farm Plan is more than ten years old, you will need to update it for your farm to be eligible for some funding programs. Renewing your plan gives you better access to markets and funding. With our new online platform and our network of trained technicians across Alberta, it is easy to update your environmental farm plan on a regular basis.

## EFP Workshop February 5<sup>th</sup>

*to be held at*

**COUNTY OF WARNER  
AG. SERVICE BOARD MEETING ROOM.**

**Please call 403-642-2255**  
*to register or for more information*

ADDRESS  
[www.albertaEFP.com](http://www.albertaEFP.com)





# NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

Presented by Lethbridge County and Lethbridge College

**WHEN: Wednesday, November 13, 2019**

**WHERE: Lethbridge College LaValley Theatre, Instructional Building**

Nutrients are some of the most costly inputs for agricultural producers. This workshop will take a hands on and practical approach to nutrient management to ensure you get the most from your nutrients. There will be CCA CEUs. The workshop will qualify Custom Manure Applicators for the Canadian Agriculture Partnership— Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change Program.

*If you manage nutrients — This is for you!*

## - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

Topics covered by nutrient management experts will include:

- Soil Health,
- Nutrient Management and cycling,
- Managing Nutrients in a Drought,
- Manure Management Legislation,
- CAP Programing,
- Managing Manure to Maximize Benefits and Minimize Impacts

This Workshop is ideal for:

- farmers/ranchers,
- custom manure applicators,
- ag industry personnel,
- consultants,
- extension staff,
- students

<p><b>8:00 a.m. – 8:25 a.m.</b> Registration</p> <p><b>8:25 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.</b> Welcome - Dwayne Rogness - Rural Extension Specialist, Lethbridge County</p> <p><b>8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</b> Dealing with Variability in soils: How Precise Can We Get? - Dr. Jeff Schoenau - Professor of Soil Science and SMA Chair, Department of Soil Science, University of Saskatchewan</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.</b> Coffee Break</p> <p><b>9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.</b> "Grow Your Soil" – Steve Kenyon – Greener Pastures Ranching AFFIRM – Trevor Wallace – Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Nutrient Management following Drought &amp; 4R – Jack Payne - Federated Co-op Ltd</p> <p><b>10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.</b> "Grow Your Soil" – Steve Kenyon– Greener Pastures Ranching AFFIRM – Trevor Wallace – Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Nutrient Management following Drought &amp; 4R – Jack Payne - Federated Co-op Ltd</p> <p><b>11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b> Lunch Contact Dwayne Rogness if you have any dietary restrictions - drogness@lethcounty.ca</p> <p><b>12:30 p.m. – 1:30p.m.</b> Copper and Zinc in Prairie Soils - Jeff Schoenau – U of S "Influence of four-year crop rotation sequences on the associated fungal community and crop productivity of wheat."- Adriana Navarro Borrell- Instructor, Agriculture Sciences at Lethbridge College</p>	<p><b>12:30p.m. - 1:30p.m.</b> Influence of Feedlot Manure Amendments on Agronomy, Soil, and the Environment - Jim Miller - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Temporary Manure Storage – Cody Methetal – Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Lethbridge long-term manure plots: what have we learned in 45 years - Monica Batista Benke - Instructor, Environmental Sciences at Lethbridge College Coffee Break Farm Business Consultants 3-nitrooxypropanol (3-NOP) diet manipulation to reduce methane emissions from beef cattle – Christine Rosser - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Feeding biochar to beef cattle – effects on manure nutrients and GHG – Carlos Romero -University of Lethbridge Denitrifying Bioreactors for Agricultural Drainage Water Treatment – Shanwei Xu/Greg Piorkowski– Alberta Agriculture and Forestry AOPA - Vince Murray – Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Emergency planning, crossings and bridge weights – Karen Yakimishyn - Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Spill Response – Karl Iverson - NRCB Soil Management and Cropping Systems in Western Canada: Looking Back and Ahead - Jeff Schoenau - U of S Closing Remarks - Dwayne Rogness</p>
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Brought to you by: Lethbridge County and the following:



Register today at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nutrient-management-today-tickets-76309903977>



# MINISTERS AWARDS

## *for Municipal Excellence*

The annual awards celebrate successful and innovative municipal initiatives to improve the lives of residents.

The 2019 winners are:

- Innovation Award – Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
- Safe Communities Award – Town of Claresholm
- Partnership Award – County of Warner
- Larger Municipalities Award – City of Calgary
- Smaller Municipalities Award – Town of Bruderheim
- Outstanding Achievement Award – County of Barrhead

“The recipients of this year’s awards have set an example for what inspiration, hard work and collaboration can achieve. I am proud to recognize the successful efforts of these Alberta municipalities, which have found innovative solutions to the challenges facing their communities.”

*Kaycee Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs*

### Quick facts

- The Minister’s Awards for Municipal Excellence have been presented for the past 18 years.
- An awards committee consisting of representatives from municipal associations determined the winners.

### County of Warner (Partnership Award)

The Milk River Ridge Reservoir Water Quality Stewardship Initiative is a collaborative effort that involves private landowners, provincial and municipal governments, private and public organizations, and local volunteers. Its aim is to explore, assess and implement strategies to improve management of the provincial land corridor and nearby private lands. Where possible, restoration can also be done. All of this is meant to maintain or improve water quality in Ridge Reservoir and the conveyances and storage facilities connected to it.

## **PESTICIDE CONTAINER SITES ARE LOCATED AT**

**Border Seed Cleaning Plant** - 10 Miles East of Milk River on Highway 501

**Sunshine Seed Cleaning Plant** - Just east of the intersection of Highway 4 and 52

### **RECYCLING OF SMALL, RINSED CONTAINERS ONLY**

### **ABSOLUTELY NO DUMPING OF BARRELS**

#### **RETURN THESE ITEMS TO THE RETAILER**

- Unused Chemical
- Chemical Totes
- Chemical Barrels
- Bulk Chemical Containers or Tanks

#### **TRANSFER STATIONS MAY ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:**

- Domestic Garbage • Fertilizer Bags
- Used Oil or Pails • Silage Wrapping
- Plastic Tarps

Check with the transfer station attendant or call Chief Mountain RSWA at 403-653-3366

# Raymond HANDIBUS available

The Raymond Handibus is available to county residents living around Raymond, Stirling and New Dayton areas. The handibus service can be used by elderly and disabled persons needing transportation to doctor's, dentists and specialist appointments, or for grocery shopping and social outings. The hours are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## RETURN TRIP FROM RAYMOND TO

<b>RAYMOND LOCAL TRIPS</b> (Within 15km Radius)	
Single Passenger Return Trip	<b>\$15.00</b>
2 or More Passengers Return Trip	<b>\$10.00 ea</b>

<b>Cardston</b>		<b>Coaldale</b>	
Single Passenger Return Trip	<b>\$45.00</b>	Single Passenger Return Trip	<b>\$35.00</b>
2 or More Passengers Return Trip	<b>\$40.00 ea</b>	2 or More Passengers Return Trip	<b>\$30.00 ea</b>
<b>Coalhurst</b>			
Single Passenger Return Trip	<b>\$50.00</b>		
2 or More Passengers Return Trip	<b>\$45.00 ea</b>		

<b>Lethbridge</b>		<b>Magrath</b>	
Single Passenger Return Trip	<b>\$35.00</b>	Single Passenger Return Trip	<b>\$25.00</b>
2 or More Passengers Return Trip	<b>\$30.00 ea</b>	2 or More Passengers Return Trip	<b>\$20.00 ea</b>

<b>Milk River</b>		<b>Stirling</b>	
Single Passenger Return Trip	<b>\$60.00</b>	Single Passenger Return Trip	<b>\$20.00</b>
2 or More Passengers Return Trip	<b>\$55.00 ea</b>	2 or More Passengers Return Trip	<b>\$15.00 ea</b>

*Please call  
**403-795-4943**  
for information  
on how to book  
the bus and  
for pricing.*



# CANADIAN AGRICULTURE PARTNERSHIP

For updates to programs please subscribe to the program updates at <https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/>

If you have received updates in the past you will have to resubscribe to the program updates

If you have any questions about CAP Producer Programs please visit

<https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/Programs/role/Primary%20Producer-Farmer-Rancher>  
or Call Vern Steinborn @ 403 894-0050

**Agronomy Update 2020**



## January 7 & 8

Cambridge Red Deer Hotel & Conference Centre  
Red Deer, Alberta

Timely agronomic  
information for producers  
and agronomists

Register online at

<https://eservices.alberta.ca/agronomy-update-2020.html>

or call 1-800-387-6030

If GST exempt, please call the Registration number

*Alberta*

# COUNTY OF WARNER AG. SERVICE BOARD



is hosting the following events in the meeting room at the new shop:

- Farmer Pesticide Course – December 12th
- Farmer Pesticide Course – January 16th
- Farmer Pesticide Course – January 30th
- Environmental Farm Plan– February 5th

**Please call 403-642-2255**

*if you have any questions or pre-register for any of these events.*



## ATTENTION FARMERS

### Check your bins!!

Even outdoor piles and bins need to be checked regularly for infestations and grade decreases. If the pile crusts over, heat cannot escape and air cannot circulate properly to dry and cool the grain. These hot spots are where infestations of the Rusty Grain Beetle and Red Flour Beetles occur. Grain bins and ground piles should be checked at least once a month, if not more to ensure that hot spots are cooling and moisture levels are not too high within the piles. If an infestation is noticed, treatment of the grain may be required to prevent any further damage. If a quick drying/cooling method is not available, such as moving the grain, then an application of restricted chemical fumigants may be required. The Ag Service Board is available to provide this service for the cost of labour and chemical, or producers can obtain their own **Farmer Pesticide Certificate** to purchase and apply this restricted chemical on their own through courses offered through the Ag Service Board.

**If you have any questions about grain storage or are interested in attending a Farmer Pesticide Course, which will be offered several times throughout the winter, please contact the Ag Service Board at 403-642-2255.**

## ASB Equipment for Tender:

2001 (4X4) DODGE RAM PICKUP  
**TRUCK**

VIN: 1B7HF16Z21S248852  
MODEL: Dodge  
292,337 km

2004 SRW SUPER DUTY  
**TRUCK**

VIN: 1FTNF21L74EC39806  
MODEL: FORD  
FUEL: GAS  
208,734 km

2011 (4X4) SUZUKI  
**ATV**

VIN: 5SAAM45P5B7100601  
MODEL: LTA500  
Odometer replaced in 2013  
2,594 hours  
1,651 km

2012 (4X4) SUZUKI  
**ATV**

VIN: 5SAAR41P6C7100650  
MODEL: LT-750  
6,801 hours  
6,390 km

Sealed Bids sheets can be picked up and dropped off at the Ag Service Board building, or email

[jmeeks@warnercounty.ca](mailto:jmeeks@warnercounty.ca)

Bids will be accepted  
November 30th 2019 noon.

Any or the highest bid will not necessarily be accepted.

To view these items please stop in at the Ag Service Board Shop between 7:00 am and 5:30 pm Monday – Thursday.

If you have any questions, we would be happy to answer them for you when you stop in or phone the Ag Service Board building west of the Public Works shop at 403-642-2255



## Road improvements focus for County in 2019

Sand Seal road projects on Twp Rd 7-0 between Sec Hwy 5 and Sec Hwy 845 and Twp 6-4 between Sec Hwy 845 and.

Chip Seal project on Milk River Hospital Rng Rd 16-3

Rng Rd 15-2 East of Wrentham road reconstruction to improve sightlines, alignment, and road width.

26 culvert replacement and repairs.

Road Re-graveling and has been moving along we have completed 317 KM roads delivering 70,000 Tonnes to date.

New fillable forms can be found on the County of Warner website. The forms will be accessible January 2, 2020. All requests must be in by May 15th of the current year.

Gravel request forms and Dust suppression forms. Both submissions must be received before May 15th of the current year.

Yard Gravel Requests.

With the recent snowfall and upcoming winter we are busy trying to complete our road graveling program, this same crew does the yard gravel requests so we are thanking you for your patience and we will try and get to the requests that have not been completed. If your request has not been filled in 2019 we keep the list and will try to complete them in 2020.

With winter coming early the public works department would like to remind ratepayers of the following.

Council has amended policy 320.35 by deleting private laneway snow plowing. This change allows our operators to spend the necessary time plowing and sanding. If your laneway needs clearing there are local contractors in all area of the county that will be happy to assist you.

While County crews are out working please keep safety in mind and follow the signs that are placed and slow down when passing workers.

### Agriculture Service Board Building

*Adjacent to the*

**Public Works Shop North of the Village of Warner**

Please visit our new location.

Operational Hours - Ag Service Board

7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday

### Western Canada Conference on Soil Health & Grazing,

which will be held in Edmonton on December 10, 11 and 12th.

Here is the website link for more information:

<https://www.absoilgrazing.com/>

### Farming Smarter Conference and Trade Show

in Lethbridge from Dec 11-12, 2019

<https://www.farmingsmarter.com/event/farming-smarter-conference-trade-show-2/>

### Alberta Soil Science Workshop

in Lethbridge from Feb 18-20, 2020

<https://soilsworkshop.ab.ca/connect.html>

### 7th Native Prairie Restoration/ Reclamation and 5th Transboundary Grasslands Workshops

in Regina, SK from Feb 25-27, 2020

<http://www.albertapcf.org/transboundary/2020-tgp-workshop>

Learn more at  
[WWW.BEEFRESEARCH.CA](http://WWW.BEEFRESEARCH.CA)  
/DROUGHTMANAGEMENT

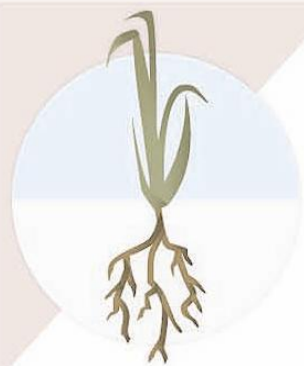
DEALING WITH DROUGHT  
Key Facts for Beef Producers

BCRC  
BEEF CATTLE RESEARCH COUNCIL

## Drought Management: A Long-Term Grazing Plan

Strategies for dealing with drought should be a permanent part of every grazing plan.

*You can't plan for a drought once you are in the middle of it.*



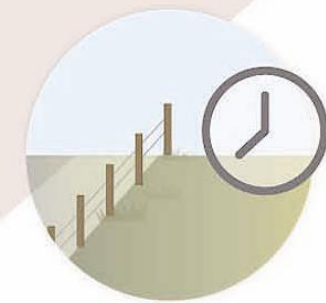
Foster plants with **healthy, deep root systems** that can reach subsurface moisture.



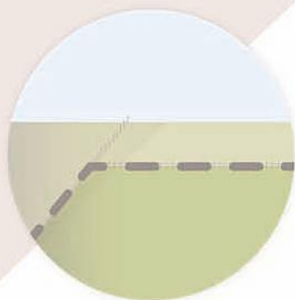
**Leave litter (plant residue)** to shade and insulate the soil surface, reduce temperatures and minimize moisture loss.



Plan to graze pastures with **higher grazing-tolerant plant species** first.  
(e.g. crested wheatgrass)



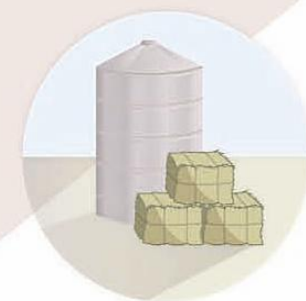
**Extend rest periods for pastures** by using cross-fencing and rotational grazing.



**Keep a rested pasture** with adequate carryover in your grazing rotation to provide a forage reserve.



**Balance stocking rate with forage supply.**  
(e.g. weaning early, identifying and selling culls early)



**Stockpile** sufficient feed supplies during years of surplus.