



AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

TO: Agricultural Service Board
DATE: September 22, 2021 **DIVISION:** All
TIME: 9:00 AM
FILE: N/A
SUBJECT: Alberta Agricultural and Forestry
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides updates from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, presented by Kellie Jackson, Strategic Evaluation Specialist and Regional Liaison for Rocky View County's Agricultural Service Board (ASB).

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Alberta Agricultural and Forestry Report be received as information in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

Alberta Agricultural and Forestry transitioned the Agricultural Service Board Key Contact Program to a Regional Liaison approach. The intent of the program remains the same and serves to promote open and effective communication between ASB's and Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AAF).

DISCUSSION:

1. In response to the ongoing drought conditions Alberta Farmers have faced this growing season, the AgriRecovery program was initiated.
 - Producers can apply for an initial AgriRecovery payment through the 2021 Canada-Alberta Livestock Feed Assistance Initiative to help cover feed and water access costs for breeding female livestock across the province.
 - Payments will flow soon after applications are received. Once applications are approved and processed, those who sign up for the direct deposit option will see payments toward the end of the month.
 - Taking a feed-need approach, supplemented by receipts, a secondary payment of up to \$106 per head will be available to producers who have experienced extraordinary costs as a result of the drought, in addition to the initial payment.
 - Cattle and bison will be eligible for an initial payment of \$94 per head and a secondary payment of \$106 per head, for a total of \$200 per head. Other livestock will be subject to a different per head payment.
 - The program will be administered through Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC). Program terms and conditions are posted on AFSC's website.

Administration Resources

Kristyn Lines, Agricultural & Environmental Services



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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

No budget implications.

OPTIONS:

Option #1 THAT the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Report be received as information.

Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

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