



## AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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**TO:** Agricultural Service Board

**DATE:** February 25, 2021 **DIVISION:** All

**FILE:** N/A

**SUBJECT:** Upcoming Events

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The itemized upcoming events listed below include those hosted by Rocky View County Agricultural Services and others, and relate to production, marketing, sustainability and community.

### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Upcoming Events Report be received as information in accordance with Option #1.

### BACKGROUND:

One of the recommendations within the Agriculture Master Plan is to foster capacity building for the agriculture community in areas of enhanced educational services and programs. The intent is to provide support and information resources to producers for specialized opportunities and diversification within the ag industry. ASB meetings provide the opportunity to learn of local and regional conferences and training sessions of interest.

### DISCUSSION:

The events below are identified for the Board's and Council's information:

1. Exploring Riparian Stewardship and Regulations. February 25, March 3, 11 & 18, 2021. Ever start planning a project in a riparian area, but didn't know which regulations apply, or if you need a permit? You're not alone! Join Cows and Fish, the Environmental Law Centre and invited speakers on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30PM, and Thursdays from 7:00-8:30PM in February and March for a series of webinars, outlining common improvement projects done in riparian areas, and the regulations that may apply. The Environmental Law Centre will provide some background information, and guest speakers will outline their on-the-ground experience, with time for questions from the audience. More information on topics and registration available [here](#).
2. Alberta Nutrient Management Seminar Series. March 1, 2021. Topics covered will include Feedlot manure composting; Enhancement of manure composting by biochar; Phosphorus filter and Agriculture Financial Services Corporation. With the payment of the registration fee, you are granted access to all of the presentations, which you may view as many times as you wish until January 1, 2022. More information and registration available [here](#).
3. 2021 Virtual Farm to Market to Table Conference. March 4 & 5, 2021. Join Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association for a conference designed for growers, livestock producers, small-scale food processors and agricultural and community leaders. Network, acquire new industry contacts, gain new skills, and come away inspired to strengthen Alberta's local food sector. More information and registration available [here](#).

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### Administration Resources

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4. Environmental Farm Plan Virtual Workshop. March 9, 2021. Open to anyone in Alberta. EFP technicians will walk you through getting started on your workbook during this free virtual workshop. Ask questions and get answers in real time, from the comfort of your home. More information and registration available [here](#).
5. AgSafe Alberta Speaker Series: Getting Started Webinar. March 23, 2021. Join the AgSafe Alberta team for a one-of-a kind webinar on how to build your safety plan. More information and registration available [here](#).
6. Foothills Forage & Grazing Association Annual General Meeting. March 23, 2021. The FFGA Board of Directors invite you to attend the 2021 Virtual Annual General Meeting. The agenda will include a keynote address on "Grazing Ruminants: a resilient solution to long term agriculture profitability, productivity, and climate change" with the business meeting to follow. More information and registration available [here](#).
7. Alberta Lamb Producers 2021 Producer Education. March 24th, 2021. This new webinar series will be hosted on the ZOOM platform and will be free of charge for Alberta eligible Producers to register for and attend. More information and registration available [here](#).
8. Upcoming Rocky View County Agricultural Services Workshop Series:
  - Vegetable Gardening - February 23 & 25, 2021
  - Beekeeping 101 - March 3, 2021
  - Farm Business Succession Planning - March 4, 2021
  - Ag Mental Health – Talk, Act, Listen - March 16 & 18, 2021
  - Tree Pruning - March 17, 2021
  - Tree Pests - April 14, 2021

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

No budget implications.

**OPTIONS:**

- Option #1                      THAT the Upcoming Events Report be received as information.
- Option #2                      THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

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