



Agricultural Service Board

Subject:	Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation Update
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REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides updates from Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation.

ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION

Administration recommends that the Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation Report be received as information.

BACKGROUND

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation (AAI) 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 Irrigation.

DISCUSSION

Highlights:

- Reminder the ASB/AAAF regulated weed review survey is open until April 26th. [Weed Control Regulation Review | Alberta Online Engagement](#). Please complete this survey and not the one for other stakeholders as your survey contains additional questions that reflect your delegated authority role. No decisions on additions, reclassifications or deletions have been made. All feedback will be reviewed by the weed review committee (includes ministry, AAAF and industry representatives) with recommendations identified for the Minister to make any decisions.
 - If you work with other stakeholders (organizations such as ALUS or producers – crop or livestock that have an interest in regulated weeds) you can share the stakeholder survey link https://your.alberta.ca/weed-control-regulation-review/survey_tools/weed-control-reg-review and if applicable the link for written submissions https://your.alberta.ca/weed-control-regulation-review/survey_tools/weed-reg-review-written-submissions
- Next grant cycle survey feedback is being analyzed and will be considered to update grant program terms and conditions, application with greater alignment to reporting and field visits. We will be sharing a “what we heard” report shortly. Once we have updated the draft grant documents they will go through a review by Finance and Legal, then go up to the Minister for approval. We are targeting to have it ready for distribution in the fall.



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- The Cooperative Agricultural Extension model feedback survey deadline has been extended and is still open for feedback.
 - The Working Group would sincerely appreciate your constructive feedback to continually evolve the proposed model. Your feedback will be used to inform design and implementation improvements to best meet Alberta agricultural extension service provider and producer extension needs. Results will be shared in a future stakeholder update prior to pilot launch.
 - [Click here to access the Cooperative Agricultural Extension model feedback survey.](#)
 - The survey should take no more than 20 minutes to complete.
 - A second survey will be released in April and will focus on determining critical specialist gaps (both holistically and regionally) to help direct specialist hiring requirements and inform initial Communities of Extension that will provide the most cross-industry extension value.

- Save the date ASB/ADM Biannual Townhall for Tuesday June 4, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Invitations will be sent out to ASB Chairs and Ag Fieldmen by early May.

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

No alternate option for the board's consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments.