



Agricultural Service Board

Subject:	Agricultural Fieldman Report
Date:	March 13, 2025
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Department:	Agricultural & Environmental Services

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides updates on Agricultural & Environmental Services matters since the last update provided on January 16, 2025.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Agricultural Service Board receives the Agricultural Fieldman for information.

BACKGROUND

Program highlights within Agricultural & Environmental Services since the last meeting.

DISCUSSION

1. The Provincial ASB Committee has now posted the 2025 resolutions on their website <https://agriculturalserviceboards.com>. Fourteen resolutions were debated and nine were passed at the ASB Provincial Conference. Letters will be delivered to the Federal and Provincial governments and their responses will be posted on the website as soon as they are received.
2. Agricultural & Environmental Services is actively recruiting and interviewing for our seasonal positions. We are currently recruiting for Mowing Operators, Spraying Operators, Weed Inspectors, a Crop Inspector and a Seasonal Administrative Clerk. The postings will remain open until suitable candidates have been found for all positions. The seasonal positions will start on May 12, 2025 with the exception of the mowers who will start on May 26, 2025.
3. Registration is open for farms wanting to share their agriculture story with consumers during Alberta Open Farm Days. Farms wishing to participate have until April 30, 2025 to register. This year's event will run province wide the weekend of August 16 and 17, 2025. This is a collaborative, province wide, two-day event that gives Albertans an opportunity to experience the farm and understand where their food comes from. Farms can register online at <https://albertaopenfarmdays.ca/host-farms/>.
4. Phase 2 of public engagement on the revised Agriculture Master Plan has concluded. The second round of engagement included an online survey and Community Conversations hosted in Madden, Indus, Jumping Pound and Irricana.
 - i. Phase 2 of engagement took place from December 27 to February 7, 2025, with the goal of allowing the community to review and validate proposed actions outlined in the draft Agriculture Master Plan.
 - ii. The County visited four communities to host over 100 participants for a community workshop where participants reviewed and discussed the proposed initiatives in small, facilitated groups with workbooks.

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- iii. Additionally, participants shared their feedback online through a survey.
- iv. In total, 135 residents provided a combined 1078 comments during their review of the draft plan.
- v. Including online contributions, residents spent a collective 177 hours engaging on the draft plan.

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

Administration has no alternate direction for the Board's consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments.