



Subject:	Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation Update
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**REPORT SUMMARY**

This report provides updates from Kellie Jackson, Strategic Evaluation Specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation.

**ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Agricultural Service Board receives the Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation Report for 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:

1. Regulated Weed Review
  - a. The Weed Review Committee has met 6 times to review all the survey responses from invited stakeholders, including municipalities, on currently regulated and potentially regulated weed species. The engagement input from the committee will be utilized to inform the recommendations that will be put forward to the Minister for decision. It is anticipated that the work of the committee will be complete this Spring/ Summer.
2. Seed Plant Inspections
  - a. AGI is working to improve the clarity of the product verification check criteria by engaging Fieldmen and Alberta Seed Processors Association managers. A virtual meeting is planned for late March to address issues and improve the inspection process. Updates will be finalized by summer 2025.
3. 1080
  - a. Karen Wickerson (AGI) is working with PMRA and Health Canada to identify the required labelling requirements for 1080 that will allow for the redistribution of 1080. Karen will provide details once finalized.
4. Insect Management Specialist
  - a. Amanda Jorgensen has joined the Crop Assurance Branch as an Insect Management Specialist at CDCN. She brings experience from AAFC in Beaverlodge and will contribute to insect pest forecasts and surveys for Alberta producers and municipalities.

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5. Mature Asset Strategy

- a. GOA ministries, RMA, producer groups, landowner groups - surface rights association, land, the property rights tribunal and industry representatives have collaborated on managing oil and gas liabilities due to aging energy infrastructure. A draft report is under review, with a final version expected for Cabinet consideration this spring and a legislative bill in the fall.

**ALTERNATE DIRECTION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

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There are no attachments.

