



Agricultural Service Board

Subject:	Agricultural Fieldman Report
Date:	June 12, 2025
Presenter:	Kristyn Lines, Manager Agricultural & Environmental Services
Department:	Agricultural & Environmental Services

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides updates on Agricultural & Environmental Services matters since the last update provided on March 13, 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. Seasonal Staff
 - The Agricultural Services seasonal team, including Weed Inspectors, a Crop Inspector, Mower Operators and Equipment Operators, have commenced their summer term.
 - These positions support the County's operational programs including weed inspection and control, inventorying and inspections of canola fields, roadside mowing operations, and roadside/ municipal lands vegetation management throughout the County.
2. Roadside Weed Control Program
 - Herbicide applications on County roads follow a three-year rotational cycle.
 - In 2025, roadside ditches in Division 5 are scheduled for inspection and targeted spot treatments to manage prohibited noxious and noxious weeds.
 - The roadside spray program is scheduled to begin mid-June, subject to weather and operational conditions.
 - Operators will also target roadsides with kochia on the east side of the County.
3. 2024 ASB Grant Reporting
 - Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation (AAI) released the 2024 online ASB Grant Reporting system earlier this spring.
 - Rocky View County Administration has submitted the grant report and is currently completing the 2024 Statement of Income and Expenditures.
 - Reporting is required to ensure transparency and continued eligibility for ASB Grant funding.

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4. 2025- 2029 ASB Grant Approval

- The County's 2025–2029 ASB Grant Application has been approved.
- Rocky View County will receive continued funding through both the Legislative Stream and the Resource Management Stream.
- This funding supports core programming in weed control, pest surveillance, extension services, and resource stewardship initiatives.

5. 2025 Crop Reporting

- As of May 27, 2025 provincial seeding for major crops has progressed to 90 per cent complete. Regionally, the South is furthest ahead at 97 per cent complete, followed by the Northwest at 93 per cent, Central at 89 per cent, Northeast at 86 per cent and Peace at 84 per cent.
- Despite this progress, moisture levels have declined largely due to dry winds. Without adequate moisture this could become a concern for sustained crop and pasture development.
- To [Read the latest crop report](#), see the linked report.
- For moisture updates, [Read the latest update](#).

6. ASB/ADM Spring Town Hall

- The Spring Town Hall with Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) John Conrad was held virtually on June 4, 2025.
- Key updates from Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation and stakeholder engagement priorities were discussed.

7. Central Region ASB Chairmen's Meeting

- The Central Region ASB Chairman's Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 13, in Botha, Alberta.
- Agenda items include discussion and grading of the 2025 Provincial ASB Conference Resolution Responses.
- County Administration and the ASB Chair will attend and provide a follow-up report, including grading outcomes, to the ASB in Fall 2025.

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

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

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments.