



POLICY 2.4 GRASSHOPPERS

Department: Agricultural Services Department

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PURPOSE:

To achieve a level of grasshopper control on public and private land that follows reasonable agronomic practices.

SCOPE:

Under the authority of the Agricultural Pest Act, agricultural operators will be encouraged to perform some type of grasshopper control on their property when the economic threshold levels established by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, is exceeded to minimize crop yield reductions.

DEFINITIONS:

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. *Agricultural Pests Act* - the *Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta (R.S.A. 2000, Chapter A-8)* and the *Agricultural Pest Regulation (184/2001)* including any amendments or successor legislation thereto.
- b. Control - to delay or impede the movement of grasshoppers to/from surrounding land in agricultural production.
- c. Information package – an informative letter, to accompany the Pest Inspection Report and Pest fact sheet, sent to landowners advising of a Pest infestation observed by a Pest Inspector; intended to be an informational, not legally binding, document.
- d. Infestation - any property containing Two Stripe, Packard, Migratory and/or Clearwing grasshoppers significantly above the economic threshold.
- e. Pest Inspector - Inspector appointed by Northern Sunrise County or by the Minister to carry out the Agricultural Pest Act and the regulations.
- f. Reported Field - any field for which a complaint is received as having significant high level of grasshoppers

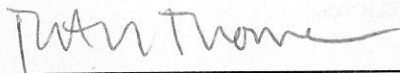
POLICY:

1. The County will maintain information on pest species and various methods of control.
2. The County shall have a bran bait applicator available for rental to County residents.

3. Any County resident applying an insecticide adjacent to a County roadside ditch must receive the Agricultural Fieldman's permission to spray the roadside ditch.
4. A landowner/renter can contact the Agricultural Service Department requesting an application of bran bait to/bordering a County roadside ditch bordering their property.
5. A landowner/renter authorized to apply insecticide for grasshopper control in a County road ditch may be compensated for out of pocket expenses as mutually agreed to with the Agricultural Fieldman. The rate will be established annually by Council.
7. Agricultural Service Department staff will perform grasshopper counts as required by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.



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