

KNEEHILL COUNTY POLICY

SECTION: ASB Policies – Section 1
POLICY TITLE: Grasshopper Control Policy
POLICY NUMBER: 1-21

PURPOSE:

To establish an agricultural policy to provide financial assistance to Kneehill County agricultural producers in the control of severe grasshopper infestations along open County road allowances.

POLICY STATEMENT: Council recognizes the need to provide financial assistance to agricultural producers in controlling severe grasshopper infestations along County road allowances.

Policy Guidelines:

1. The policy will only come into effect in the years of severe grasshopper infestations, on the recommendation of the Agricultural Service Board and approval of Council.
2. A one time maximum payment, in the year of infestation, of \$20.00 per one sided mile may be claimed by the agricultural producer farming adjacent to any open County road allowance. Excluding road allowances under the control of the Provincial Government.
3. Control methods can include aerial or ground application of approved, Pest Management Regulatory Agency registered products for the purpose of grasshopper control.
4. Payment program guidelines will be established by the Agricultural Service Board and approved by Council.

Financial Guidelines:

1. Kneehill County Agricultural Service board will budget an appropriate amount if the Provincial Grasshopper Forecast Map indicates a sever infestation for areas of Kneehill County in the budget year.
2. Funds to cover payment of a grasshopper control initiated program, when ASB operational funds or surplus is not available, will be drawn from Municipal contingency reserves.

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