

Hello

We are in the process of creating a database so that we can ask producers from across Alberta for access to fields for us to carry out our insect surveys. We are doing this to increase the quality of our survey work. We will retain sole access to this database. It will NOT be used for other purposes.

The information we are requesting and will store is as follows:

Email

Name

Township of the home quarter. Eg SE 1-25-4-W5 – please send us only the township, 25-4-W5

County of home quarter. Eg Rockyview.

What crops you grow: Wheat, canola, alfalfa and peas.

We have strict biosecurity protocols that we follow closely. In short we NEVER drive into fields. If needed we will walk in to access sampling locations, all footwear and tools are sterilized between fields. If you want to see our more on our biosecurity protocol, please go here:

[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$Department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm13779/\\$FILE/field\\_entry.pdf](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$Department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm13779/$FILE/field_entry.pdf)

All individual field data is kept confidential and will not be shared in its raw form. The data will be rolled up into province wide maps showing the insect counts and/or forecasts. Once we have completed the data compilation and verification we will share with you what we have found in your fields along with an explanation of those findings. Most of our communication will be done via email to streamline the workload but if you have questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please email [bugs.r.us@gov.ab.ca](mailto:bugs.r.us@gov.ab.ca)

Thank you for agreeing to work with us.

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