



# COUNTY OF NEWELL - POLICY HANDBOOK

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## **POLICY PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the operation of the County of Newell Agricultural Service Board (ASB)

## **POLICY GUIDELINES:**

1. The ASB will be made up of all Council.
2. The ASB will promote and develop agricultural policies to meet the needs of the municipality.
3. The ASB will identify the need for extension meetings and programs (demonstrations and projects etc.) and organize such as needed
4. The ASB will advise and direct the Agricultural Services Department on the following:
  - a. Weed and pest control
  - b. Soil and water conservation programs.
  - c. The control of livestock disease under the Animal Health Act.
  - d. The promotion, enhancement and protection of viable and sustainable agriculture with a view to improving the economic viability of municipal ratepayers and the Municipality.



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## **Agriculture Services Mission Statement**

In partnership with others, the Agriculture Service Board through the Agricultural Services Department provides and administers agricultural programs and services to the agricultural community to encourage sustainable farming practices within the municipality.

## **Agriculture Services Guiding Principles**

- Work in partnership and co-operation with landowners
- Proactive role in agricultural issues
- Service orientated
- Credible source of information

## **GOALS**

1. To provide agricultural programs and services that reflect current trends and issues in agriculture and that will benefit agricultural producers, residents and industry in the County of Newell.
2. To administer the present Weed Control Act, Soil Conservation Act, Agricultural Pests Act and encourage responsible stewardship of soil and water resources.
3. To promote the role of the Agricultural Services Department to agricultural producers and industry in the County.
4. To foster the growth and development of partnerships between the County of Newell A.S.B., Government and/or private industry.
5. To operate an effective, viable Agricultural Services Department with adequate human and financial resources.