

NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY

POLICY NUMBER 088/04

GRASSHOPPER POLICY- AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

PURPOSE: Achieve a level of grasshopper control on public and private land that follows reasonable agronomic practices. County residents will be encouraged to perform some type of grasshopper control on their property when the threshold is exceeded.

REASON: In the Agricultural area crop production can be reduced when grasshopper numbers exceed the economic threshold.

POLICY:

1. Agricultural Service Board staff will perform grasshopper counts on private land when requested by a landowner/renter to determine if the grasshopper numbers exceed the economic threshold levels established by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.
2. The Agricultural Service Board will maintain information on pest species and various methods of control.
3. The Agricultural Service Board shall have available for rental to County residents, an applicator for bran bait.
4. Any county resident who is applying an insecticide adjacent to a County roadside ditch may be given permission to spray the roadside ditch by the Agricultural Fieldman.
5. In areas where the landowner/renter cannot reasonably apply insecticide in the roadside ditch, he can contact the Agricultural Service Board to request that the county spray the ditch. The County will only spray ditches adjacent to treated fields.
6. If a landowner/renter has been authorized to apply insecticide for grass hopper control in a county road ditch he may be compensated. The rate will be set annually by Council.
7. The Agricultural Service Board will perform grasshopper counts as needed to support Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development programs.

Approved Date:

Motion Number:

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Chief Administrative Officer

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