

Farm Implement Dealer Licencing for Your Protection

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The FAO administers the licencing of all Alberta dealers and distributors of farm implements through the *Farm Implement Act*. This is done to ensure consumer protection for rural Albertans purchasing new farm equipment.

The *Farm Implement Act* provides protection by legislating:

- A minimum one-year warranty on new farm implements purchased or leased
- Availability of repair parts for ten years for new farm implement purchases and leases
- A process for resolving performance issues on new farm implements
- The opportunity to apply for compensation in the event of a loss arising from the breach of a sale agreement, lease or lease-purchase agreement or of a provision of the Act within one year of the loss
- Farm implement dealers and distributors that operate in Alberta have a licence.

Farm Implement dealer and distributor 2008 licence renewals were due January 31, 2008. Licences are being mailed out in February. Look for the new 2008 licences to be visible at your local dealership. If the dealership is not displaying a current licence, do not be afraid to ask. It is in your best interest to know you are conducting business with a licenced dealer or distributor that must comply with the *Farm Implement Act*.

Further information on farm implement dealer and distributor licencing and the *Farm Implement Act* is located on our website at www.farmersadvocate.gov.ab.ca. Questions can also be directed to Cheryl Ryder of the *Farm Implement Act* Administration at 310-FARM (3276) within Alberta or 403-742-7901 outside of Alberta.