



# COUNTY OF NEWELL - POLICY HANDBOOK

**POLICY NO:** 2013-PAG-027

<b>TITLE:</b> PEST CONTROL	
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**POLICY PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for pest control services provided by the Agricultural Services Department.

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**POLICY GUIDELINES:**

Pest control services are provided by the Agricultural Services Department for certain pests listed under the Agricultural Pests Act. The services are provided as an aid only, in the control of nuisances and pests and should be coupled with good prevention management to reduce the potential for problems both now and in the future.

Coyotes

The County of Newell Agricultural Service Board offers a number of programs to aid in the reduction of coyote related damage. The Coyote Control Incentive Program (CCIP), provides incentives to promote the hunting of coyotes during times when damage is most prevalent. The Agricultural Services Department staff will also provide names and contact information for reputable hunters to residents who are having problems with coyote harassments or kills.

Agricultural Services will investigate coyote harassment or kills at the request of a farmer or rancher and may issue poison baits if the situation warrants.

Investigations by the Agricultural Fieldman are carried out in accordance with Form 8 requirements under the Agricultural Pests Act and require the payment of the fee specified in the Schedule of Fees Bylaw. If a Form 8 is not issued, no fee will be charged by the investigating officer. Investigations will only be carried out by qualified staff that are in possession of a Form 7. Poison may only be issued under specific circumstances as described in the Agricultural Pests Act.

Other Nuisances and Pests

Agricultural Services staff will investigate damage by other nuisances or pests under the Agricultural Pest Act if there is the potential for the introduction and spread of the pests or diseases. The Agricultural Services Department will provide traps for sale or rent to aid in control measures.