

<b>POLICY NO:</b>	AG 005
<b>POLICY TITLE:</b>	COYOTE CONTROL TOXICANTS AND DEVICES
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT
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**Background:**

There is growing concern about coyote predation around livestock farms. Coyotes are listed as a nuisance under the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act. Concerned livestock producers feel that current legislation and provincial policy is restrictive. A policy is therefore needed that allows for flexibility while avoiding indiscriminate, unsafe, or illegal use of toxicants. (Toxicants and devices available under the Department of Agriculture are not federally registered, and therefore not legal, for coyote depopulation or general animal removal per se.)

**Objectives:**

1. To provide livestock producers the option of using specific toxicants and devices to control the increasing number of coyotes within the confines of their own farm.
2. To reduce the potential for predation and harassment of livestock.
3. To maintain the integrity of the procedures followed in issuing coyote control materials.

**Procedure:**

1. The definition of "toxicants and Devices" will be those specific materials available for coyote control from Alberta Agriculture:
  - a. sodium monofluoroacetate (1080 pellet)
  - b. sodium cyanide cartridge (coyote getter)
  - c. neck snare
2. A supply of toxicants and devices designed for coyote control will be maintained by the Agricultural Fieldman. Toxicants will be stored in a building with access restricted to, or accompanied by, trained Form 7 holders.
3. All inquires or requests for coyote control toxicants and devices will be handled by the Agricultural Fieldman.
4. A request for coyote control toxicants or devices may be granted if:

- a. there is an obvious or apparent threat of predation by coyotes to livestock; and
  - b. the person is a bonafide farmer; and
  - c. the person raises livestock or poultry, excluding horses, hobby animals, pets or unconfined poultry; and
  - d. the person signs the required form (herein described in 5.a) that pertains to the laws for using such toxicants and devices.
5. Appropriate procedure must be followed when issuing any toxicant or device. The following are items of particular importance:
- a. A **SIGNED FORM IN DUPLICATE** (Form 7 under the Pest and Nuisance control Regulation of Alberta's Agricultural Pest Act) acknowledging that instruction and training for proper and safe handling, setting and use of such materials has been received. This same form also specifies that the recipient agrees to use the issued materials at a given location and in accordance with the regulations and labels under the Pest Control Products Act (Canada).
  - b. A **COPY OF THE LABEL** related to the toxicants or device being issued will be given to the recipient.
  - c. A supply of **WARNING SIGNS** to be posted on lands wherein the materials are used will be provided.
  - d. an accurate record for **ACCOUNTABILITY OF DEVICES** (form 8 under the regulations). This form is filled out by the Ag. Fieldman to provide a quarterly report on toxicant use to Crop Protection Branch, Alberta Agriculture