

Policy

Custom Spraying and Reverse Fenceline Agreements on Private Land Policy No.: Department: Authority:

6057 All Departments Agricultural Service Board

Current Approved Date:

**Policy Statement:** 

Lamont County Agricultural Service Board may conduct spraying for listed Noxious and Prohibited Noxious weed species as per the "Alberta's *Weed Control Act"* on private land within the county to control further spread of these species. Purpose:

To control the further spread of Noxious and Prohibited Noxious as listed in the "Alberta's *Weed Control Act*". This activity will be done on private land for the best interest of the agricultural industry, and where the landowner does not have access to the required specialized equipment, herbicide, or technical training complete. Custom spraying will be at the expense of the landowner, whereas Reverse Fenceline spraying will not be at cost.

Policy Resolution: ASB17-074

Procedure:

These programs will work in conjunction with the weed inspection program, through education and awareness on invasive species.

## **CUSTOM SPRAYING:**

- Custom spraying on private lands will only be considered if private sector is not available to control weeds listed on the "Alberta's Weed Control Act", which ones present on the landowners property and may require specialized application for control to be effective.
- 2) Landowners must sign the appropriate easement and contract with terms of payment, Signed agreements, permit County forces to conduct work at the established rates, which are established prior to any custom spraying being done.

- 3) Landowners will be provided with an estimate for the custom spraying and shall be required to make full payment of the value of the estimate prior to the start of the work.
- 4) The approved contracts/easements shall be Scheduled by, at discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman or delegate.
- 5) The selective herbicides that are used are only to be used by the set rate according to manufacture recommendations and Alberta Environment standards. The application can only be altered done by a holder of a Pesticide Applicator License and chemical name / rate be written in the contract / easement prior to work commencing.
- 6) No more than 10 acres on any land location will be treated as custom work, unless serious extenuating circumstances warrant.

## **REVERSE FENCELINE SPRAYING:**

- 1) Reverse Fenceline spraying on private land will be designed to target property lines that are infested with species designated in the "Alberta's *Weed Control Act*".
- 2) Landowners must sign the appropriate easement and contract. Signed agreements permit County forces to conduct work on private property.
- 3) The approved contract / easement shall be scheduled by, and at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman or delegate.
- 4) The selective herbicides that are used are only to be used by the set rate according to manufacture recommendations and Alberta Environment standards. The application can only be altered done by a holder of a Pesticide Applicator License and chemical name / rate be written in the contract / easement prior to work commencing.
- 5) The County will provide free 2 acres of spraying. Any additional work is at the expense of the landowner or producer.
- 6) Any applications above 2 acres, landowner will be provided with a cost estimate for any additional work that must take place.

7) No more than 8 acres in addition to the 2 free acres will be sprayed on any land location.

Scheduled Review Date: June 2019