



Clear Hills County

Effective Date: February 22, 2011

Policy Number **6303**

Title: **PEST CONTROL POLICY**

1. Definitions:

- 1.1. Pest - pest or nuisance as defined in the Agricultural Pest Act, Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations

2. Purpose:

- 2.1. To manage currently established pest populations and reduce widespread infestations and damage.
- 2.2. To prevent establishment of pests that are not currently established within the county.

3. Policy Statement

- 3.1. Clear Hills County recognizes the need to assist agricultural producers with managing pest populations and preventing introduction of foreign pests that negatively affect livestock production and/or crop production.

4. Responsibilities

4.1. Education

- 4.1.1. Agricultural Services will make available educational materials and information for agricultural producers regarding animal husbandry, livestock pest and disease management and crop pest and disease management.
- 4.1.2. Agricultural Services will make available resources and tools for managing pest populations and for preventing establishment and spread of introduced pests.
- 4.1.3. Agricultural Services will provide awareness and education to the general public regarding identification of agricultural pests, expected response of public, and potential impact of pest outbreaks.

4.2. Monitoring

- 4.2.1. Inspectors, or designates, may conduct surveys as requested by Alberta Agriculture.

- 4.2.2. Administration may inform the public of the general results of any surveys conducted by county inspectors or designates.
- 4.2.3. Inspectors may conduct other surveys as determined by the Agricultural Service Board.
- 4.2.4. Clear Hills County may contract pest surveys to third party agencies.

4.3. Inspectors

- 4.3.1. Inspectors will be trained in pest identification, management techniques, and control measures.
- 4.3.2. Appointed inspectors will hold valid Form 7s for the use of Compound 1080 tablets and/or Sodium Cyanide M-44 Control Devices.
- 4.3.3. Inspectors will investigate all pest related complaints.
- 4.3.4. Inspectors will not issue control material or devices if such measures will endanger public safety, domestic animals or wildlife (as defined in the Wildlife Act).
- 4.3.5. Inspectors may issue Compound 1080 tablets or set Sodium Cyanide M-44 devices for coyote control to stop coyote harassment of domestic livestock.

4.4. Public Property

- 4.4.1. Clear Hills County will control nuisances on public land only if the Agricultural Fieldman determines that;
 - 4.4.1.1. the population of the nuisance organism or disease meets or exceeds economic thresholds and,
 - 4.4.1.2. the nuisance organism is a threat to agricultural production of adjacent agricultural producers and,
 - 4.4.1.3. affected producers will also control those nuisances on their adjacent land in the affected area.

5. **Reference to Legislation**

- 5.1. Agricultural Pests Act
- 5.2. Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations of Alberta
- 5.3. Weed Control Act

5.4. Animal Health Act

6. End of Policy

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