

Section: A.S.B.	Page: Adopted: November 12, 2014 #512/14
Subject: SPRAYING SHELTERBELTS	Control Code: 11.16

Purpose:

To define the Agricultural Service Board's responsibility during an outbreak of tree related insects.

Definitions:

- "outbreak" for this policy refers to a presence of spruce budworms at a level that exceeds injury and action thresholds. Six to ten emerged larvae present per 45 cm branch tip (taken at mid crown level) is associated with damage 25 to 50% of openly exposed new shoots.

Policy Statements:

1. The Agricultural Service Board will not undertake a program of spraying farm shelterbelts for insect control.
2. In the event a severe spruce budworm outbreak occurs, the Agricultural Fieldman may use his discretion as to whether or not to initiate an insecticide spraying program using Agricultural Service Board equipment to control the infestation from spreading.
3. An integrated pest management strategy, using cultural and biological control options will be available for landowners.