



Agricultural Services Department

Quarterly Newsletter

Winter 2019

Environmental Farm Plans



Working Well Workshop – February 26, 2019

**10 YEARS of
WORKING
WELL**
Clean water.
Well protected.

And
Lamont County
Presents

Working Well Workshop
February 26, 2019 – St. Michael Hall
6:00 pm

Consider how your life would change if you lost your water supply!

Did you know that a poorly maintained water well can put your water supply at risk of contamination and reduce your well yield?

If you are one of 450,000 Albertans who use their water well for household purposes, the key to ensuring your water supply is safe and secure is knowing how groundwater works, learning about your well and understanding how to properly maintain it.

Proper water well siting, construction, maintenance and plugging will help protect your well from biofouling and contamination, save you costly repairs, and ensure your well water yields are sustained over many years.

Find out what you can do to protect your well. Attend the **FREE water well management workshop** being hosted by Lamont County, and presented by the Working Well Program, with technical expertise provided by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Health Services and licensed water well drillers.

During the workshop we will cover:

- Groundwater – how it works
- Water quality and quantity testing
- Well protection – protecting your well from contamination
- Basic well maintenance
- Water sampling – how to do it

To attend the workshop, please pre-register by calling Bonnie at the Lamont County Office at (780) 895-2585.

Changes to Livestock Antimicrobial Use

As of December 1, 2018, the new Prescription Drug List was published stating changes to the use of Medically Important Antimicrobials. As of December 1, 2018, all Medically Important Antimicrobials approved by Health Canada for Veterinary Use must be sold by Prescription only.

Not only will this require a change for livestock producers requiring a strong working relationship with their veterinarian, but will also require all sale information of antimicrobials to be tracked and reported. Producers are advised to establish with their veterinarian a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR). This legitimate VCPR must be clearly demonstrated on medical records.

The changes were brought forward to ensure that microbials are used responsibly to reduce resistance in both humans and animals. When resistance occurs, this can affect both humans and animals, but reducing the ability to effectively treat diseases.

For more information please see: <https://www.cah-icsa.ca/antimicrobial-stewardship>

<https://www.albertaanimalhealthsource.ca/content/establish-your-vcpr>



Industrial Hemp Opportunities Workshop February 7, 2019

Over 150 people attended the event at St. Michael Hall to understand the growing and developing hemp industry in Alberta. Speakers included agronomists and researchers from Innotech Alberta, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, and Norquest College to speak about growing the crop and their experiences in the field.

The Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance spoke on the ability of Hemp to become a profitable industry in Canada. Several presentations were given on the value-added businesses associated with hemp production including textiles, fibers and food products. Not only was the discussion around the products from hemp, it also gave producers tools to market the product and secure contracts for sale.

Hemp promises to be a valuable and expanding business in Alberta in years to come.



Emergency Farm Plan Workshop – January 17, 2019

Speaker Brad Andres from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry spent the evening with 18 participants walking through the creation of a Farm Emergency Plan. Attendees got hands-on experience walking through emergency situations such as fires and floods, and strategies on how to best prepare their farm and protect their operation. Participant feedback found the event very helpful.

If you would like more information on how to create an Emergency Farm Plan there are resources available online at:

[https://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$Department/deptdocs.nsf/all/aet16335](https://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$Department/deptdocs.nsf/all/aet16335)



Canadian Agricultural Partnership

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year investment of \$3 billion dollars, is the successor of the Growing Forward 2 partnership. This program is an investment in the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products areas. This is a huge investment in the agricultural sector.

There are several programs accepting applications for producers including:

1. Accelerating the Advancement of Agricultural Innovation
2. Adapting Innovative Solutions in Agriculture
3. Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change -Producer
4. Farm Water Supply
5. Irrigation Efficiency

For more information on these programs, call 310-FARM (3276) or visit <https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/>.

We would love to hear from you!

If you have any questions about any content or would like more information on our programs, please contact the Agricultural Services Department at: (780) 895-2585 or lindsay.b@lamontcounty.ca

Our programs and upcoming events can be found at:
<http://www.lamontcounty.ca/Agricultural-Services>