



Agricultural Services Department

Quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2019



Environmental Farm Plans



Watershed Projects Lamont County

Lamont County is partnering with the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) and the Alberta Riparian Habitat Management Society (Cows and Fish) to initiate a project to build awareness and demonstrate management practices that can maintain and improve our watersheds and support our agricultural operations.

Lamont County hosted a Living with Water Workshop in Mundare on April 11. This event was to discuss the watershed initiatives and programs available to landowners. The event spent the afternoon discussing beavers in the landscape; understanding their ecology, management and strategies to live with them.

The watershed projects targeted in Lamont County would like to build partnerships with landowners and producers in Lamont County who have cropping systems that border natural wetlands and other waterbodies. Lamont County and our partners will be working with producers on project designs and facilitation to implement the changes needed to protect these waterbodies.

GSFW 2019

Lamont County is hosting the 2019 Grazing School for Women and would like to extend an invitation to the 17th Annual Grazing School for Women, June 11 and 12! This is an annual event hosted around the Northeast and Central Alberta areas.

The GSFW has evolved into a networking opportunity for county women to learn and discuss current ranching trends in an open and welcoming environment. On the evening of June 11, a unique dining experience is occurring with a long table meal showcasing local ingredients with Kathryn Joel from Get Cooking!

Agenda

Day 1- Lamont Ag Society Grounds

- Stock Dog Demonstration
- Horse Farrier & Dentistry Demonstration
- Long Table Dinner & Social
- Sustainable Beef

Day 2 - St. Michael Community Hall

- Plant Identification: Learn to identify range & riparian plants found in Central Alberta
- Soil Characteristics
- Cattle Nutrition
- Rural Crime Prevention

Thank You to our Sponsors




Informative & Fun!

The Original
Grazing School
for women

Lamont Ag Grounds & St. Michael Hall
June 11 & 12

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| Registration Deadline May 31st | Registration Options |
| Registration Information Linda @ (780) 603-3486 lindagrazingschool@gmail.com | Day 1 Only: \$45 Day 2 Only: \$45 Both Days: \$80 |
| | Online Registration www.grazingschool4women.com |

Weed Inspections

Weed inspections will begin May 1, 2019. Throughout the summer months we will be continuing our weed campaign; keep an eye out for weed posters and information on our social media and print media sources.



No-Spray Agreements

Deadline for the no-spray agreements is May 15, 2019. Requirements must be met in order to have an agreement:

1. Landowner must provide an up-to-date certification to prove their organic status before renewal or granting of a No Spray Agreement (Certified Organic Growers Accepted).
2. Landowner is responsible for adequate weed and brush control for the designated area in the agreement, and this control must be done before July 15th.
3. The municipal ROW shall not be used as a buffer zone for sensitive areas or vegetation

Permits to Cut Hay within the County Right-of-Way

Applications for landowners to cut hay along county ROW adjacent to their land is June 1, 2019 to gain priority. Up to June 10, 2019 will be assessed on a first come, first served priority bases.

All haying operations must occur between July 1 and August 1, 2019. Hay must be baled and removed within 7 days of cutting.

“She ain’t pretty, she just looks that way.”

Northern Flies
Bare in June
1999



Oxeye Daisy & Scentless Chamomile
NOXIOUS – MUST BE CONTROLLED

If you see this plant, protect our land, and report it to Lamont County Agricultural Services at 780-895-2585.



Weeds of concern in Lamont County:

Noxious Species – White Cockle, Common Tansy, Woolly Burdock, Tall Buttercup, Scentless Chamomile, Yellow Toadflax, Common Mullein, Field Scabious, Creeping Bellflower, Canada Thistle and Perennial Sow Thistle

Prohibited Noxious Species- Hoary Alyssum, Himalayan Balsam and Bighead Knapweed



Farmers Appreciation Dinner

June 20, 2019, 5-10 p.m.
St. Michael Rec Centre

Ukrainian Meal, Cash Bar & Entertainment by the Sparkling Tones!

Tickets \$10

For Sale at the Lamont County ASB/Public Works Building & Town of Mundare Office

Tickets are pre-sale ONLY. Limited Quantities! No tickets available at the door!
Deadline for purchase: June 13, 2019.



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Spray Program F.A.Q.s

The spray program for roadside, and brush will commence June 1, 2019.

How often are the right-of-ways sprayed?

Lamont County's vegetation management program for ROWs is on a 3-year rotation for weed control. Spot applications could be done more frequently if there is a problem area. Brush control is done to maintain visibility and reduce encroachment on the roadside.

Are the herbicides applied by Lamont County safe?

Yes, the herbicides Lamont County uses are safe when used according to label directions. All applicators must be a licensed pesticide applicator or authorized assistant that takes training to become certified in use and industry requirements. Before a herbicide can be sold in Canada it must be registered by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency, a division of Health Canada.

Why do we spray for general weeds and brush?

Under the *Alberta Weed Control Act*, the Agriculture Service Boards are directed to eradicate any found Prohibited Noxious weeds and control Noxious Weeds. These weeds are deemed a concern for the environment and threaten biodiversity. Non-regulated invasive plants can impede agricultural production and outcompete crops. Brush control is important to maintain safe ROWs including the reduction of hazards and sightline issues. It is important for aiding snow removal, grade issues and reduce vehicle/wildlife collisions.

Roadside Mowing Program

The roadside mowing program will also commence starting June 1, 2019. The right-of-ways in Lamont County will be mowed up to twice per year. Please slow down and pass carefully when you approach our operators.



Canadian Agricultural Partnership

The 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. Products to Markets (Small Projects)
6. Risk Mitigation
7. Emerging Opportunities

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>