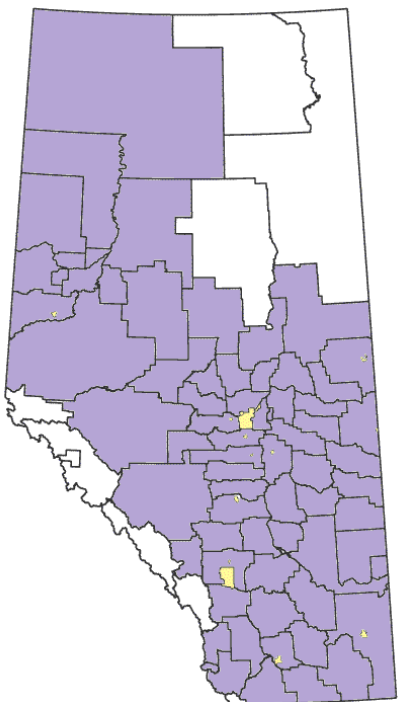


# Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards

## Agricultural Service Board Grant Program

The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Grant Program promotes long-term sustainability of the agriculture industry and rural communities and the development and delivery of resource management programming. ASBs are responsible for implementing and enforcing legislative requirements under the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, the *Weed Control Act* (WCA), the *Agricultural Pests Act* (APA), the *Soil Conservation Act* (SCA) and assist with the control of animal disease under the *Animal Health Act* (AHA).



## 2019-20 Annual Impacts

- **\$11.4 million** in annual grants awarded to **69** Agricultural Service Boards to support legislative requirements
- **\$1.78 million** in annual grants to **64** Agricultural Service Boards for environmental programming
- ASBs work to protect **50.5 million acres** of farmland, **62,000 farm operators** and **43,000 farms** from agricultural pests, weeds and soil erosion by enforcing the APA, WCA, and the SCA
- **220 full-time, 155 part-time and 434 seasonal employees supported.**
- ASBs leveraged grant dollars at a **4:1 ratio** (i.e. 80% municipal and 20% provincial funding). The accumulative economic output is **valued at \$102.6 million** annually.

### Market Access

ASBs are key to Alberta's robust pest surveillance network that helps Albertans maintain market access by mitigating the risk of agricultural pest threats.

## Weed Control

- **52,417** prohibited and noxious weed infestations (sites) were investigated and managed
- Over **103,172 kilometers** of municipal roadways weeds controlled by Integrated Pest Management means including mechanical, chemical and cultural methods such as hand picking or biological control technologies

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- **100%** of the **67 Seed Cleaning Plants** Operating in Alberta are inspected

## Partnerships in Action

Together we can support our agriculture sector and meet the needs of our rural communities as they continue to evolve.

## Pest Management

- **10,416** fields inspected for clubroot
- **2,373** fields inspected for virulent blackleg
- **1,062** fields inspected for *Fusarium*
- **2,761** pest insect surveys including Grasshopper, Wheat Midge, Bertha Armyworm and Diamond Back Moth



## Environmental Protection and Soil Conservation

- **325** Extension events delivered, engaging over 14,500 producers
- **703** Producers met with regarding their Environmental Farm Plan
- **988** Producers educated on the CAP programs
- **636** fields inspected for soil erosion issues

## Alberta Agriculture & Forestry ASB Key Contact Program

AF matches those interested with a key contact who are contacts for ASBs to provide general updates or topic specific updates, provide information on government programs and grants and take questions and concerns back to AF.

Key contacts work with ASBs and Agricultural Fieldmen to strengthen our existing partnerships and look for new ways to collaborate and share information.

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