

**Municipal District of Northern Lights No. 22
Agricultural Service Board Program**

The Agricultural Service Board Act, Statutes of Alberta, "provides for extension of agricultural services in association with municipal authorities". The MD of Northern Lights Agricultural Service Board [ASB] came into being Dec. 1, 1950. Currently, it's composed of five persons with three-year appointments, who meet about eight times a year in the Chambers of the Municipal Building at Manning. The MD's ASB is made up of two farming ratepayers and three MD Councilors. Alberta Agriculture financially assists rural municipalities who have organized an ASB and hired a full time Ag. Fieldman up to a maximum of 60% of program costs.

The ASB (1) acts as an advisory body to assist the MD Council and the Minister of Agriculture in matters of mutual concern; (2) assists with the direct weed and pest control and soil and water conservation programs; (3) assists in the control of livestock disease under the Livestock Diseases Act; (4) promotes, enhances and protects viable and sustainable agriculture with a view to the improving economic viability of the agricultural producer; and (5) promotes and develops agricultural policies to meet the needs of the municipality.

Regular Programs:

ASB Equipment Rental Program:

Gives ratepayers access to specialized equipment for which a limited need exists and is too costly for individuals to purchase. The ASB equipment can be rented out of Manning by calling 780-836-3348

Have you rented equipment from the ASB Yes_____ No_____

Is there any equipment that should be added to the rental list that would be beneficial to all producers?

Name of equipment _____

Backsloping/Brush Incentive Program:

Encourage adjoining landowners to improve the road backslopes so it can be worked or mowed, maintaining control of the trees and weeds. This program is cost shared 50/50, prior authorization must be obtained from the ASB.

If you are interested in participating in this program please contact the Agricultural Fieldman.

Pest Control Incentive Programs:

The ASB has implemented a beaver control program to remove beavers that are causing flooding problems. The Board approved a \$10.00 bounty for beaver tails, however, there is specific criteria, which applies to this program, so please first contact the MD office for details.

The Board has also entered into a Wild Boar eradication program with Alberta Agriculture.

The program pays \$50.00 per pair of ears from destroyed wild boars that were running freely.

Are you aware of any locations where wild boars are: Location# _____

Is there a location where you believe a pest may be establishing; location _____

Name of the pest: _____

The Board monitors pests and diseases throughout the Municipality, they include; Clubroot of canola, blackleg of canola, fusarium graminearum, coyotes, wild boars, beavers, grasshoppers, lygus bugs, bertha army worms, cutworms, or any other pests that populations can become a economic concern.

If there is an insect or a pest you cannot identify or you are not sure about please call the Agricultural Fieldman.

Weed/Brush Control Program:

Field inspections and roadside spraying: The ASB annually operates a roadside spray program. The program objective is to control roadside weeds and brush. It is up to those who do not want the roadsides or corners adjacent to their land sprayed, because of dugouts, shelterbelts, gardens or because you are an organic grower, to contact the MD office at 836-3348 prior to June 1 and post "Do Not Spray signs". The main focus for weeds is Canada thistle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Toadflax, Tansy, Scentless Chamomile, and Ox-eye daisy.

Are there areas that should be sprayed for brush control; Location_____

Are there roads that require the weeds control; road#_____

Are the weed populations; increasing _____ decreasing_____

Property that require weed control; Locations_____

Fusarium, Germination, Vigor Testing Program:

All seed to be cleaned at a seed cleaning plant, mobile or stationary must be tested for fusarium.

This program allows producers to have their seed checked for diseases, germination and seedling vigor.

This program, which is cost shared 50/50 between the producer and the ASB, was implemented to assist and encourage producers to have their seed tested prior to seeding. For details contact the Ag. Fieldman or Bob at the Manning Seed Cleaning Plant.

Fieldman @ 836-3348, Bob @ 836-3511

A.S.B. RENTAL RATES 2009

EQUIPMENT	RATE PER DAY (Including 5% GST)	DEPOSIT	*CLEANING FEE	**MAXIMUM DAYS TO RENT
Brillion Seeder	157.50	500.00	25.00	3
Cattle Panels-32	73.50	1000.00	20.00	3
Individual Cattle Panels	3.15 Panel	60.00 Panel	20.00	3

Cattle Scale	31.50	100.00	20.00	2
Cattle Chute	31.50	100.00	30.00	3
Boomless Sprayer	Free first 2 days 52.50/day after 2 days	300.00	10.00	2
Skid Mount Sprayers	Free first 2 days 26.25/day after 2 days	50.00	10.00	3
Eco-Bait Applicator	Free for 2 days 26.25/day after 2 days	50.00	10.00	3
Tree Spade	105.00	250.00	50.00	3
Water Pump/Pipe	315.00	500.00	NIL	2
	3.50/pipe/day	300.00		2
Cat Traps	7.37/day or 21.00/week	30.00	N/C	7
Hand Seeder	N/C	NIL	N/C	3
Tree Planter	N/C	NIL	N/C	3
Ear Tag Reader (Cattle)	No Charge	800.00	No Charge	3

* *If equipment is returned clean this fee shall not apply*

** *Unless otherwise approved by Agricultural Fieldman*

VSI Program:

The VSI program was put into place to assist cattle producers with veterinary costs as to maintain healthy cattle herds within the municipality. The program cost shares 50/50 for certain practices carried out by veterinarians.

Are there changes or improvements you would like to see to this program: Yes _____ No _____

Identify what you would like to change: _____

Roadside Mowing Program:

The Municipality mows 2/3rds of the Municipality with a full cut and 1/3rd with a single cut each year. The entire municipality is mowed each year.

Do you find the roadside mowing beneficial: Yes _____ No _____

What would you like to see improved with the roadside mowing program? _____

North Peace Applied Research Association/ASB:

The ASB would like your suggestions on different variety trials, specialty crops or herbicide demonstrations you would like to see carried out in the area;

Variety Trials _____

Herbicide Trials _____

Specialty Crops _____

Weed Control Trials _____

Other research projects, for example dugout water improvements, shelterbelts, pasture management, or livestock nutrition.

Suggestions: _____

Please return this questionnaire to the M.D. Office/Fieldman @

Return in the envelope provided to

**M.D. of Northern Lights
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Manning, Alberta
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