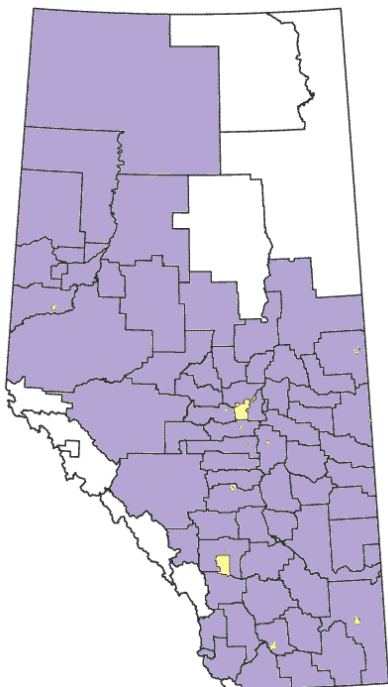


# Alberta's Agricultural Service Boards

## Agricultural Service Board Grant Program

The Agricultural Service Board Grant Program promotes long-term sustainability of agriculture industry and rural communities and the development and delivery of environmental extension 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).



## 2015-16 Annual Impacts

- **11.4 million** in annual grants awarded to **70** Agricultural Service Boards to support legislative requirements.
- **\$1.8 million** in annual grants to **64** Agriculture 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.
- **746 full- and part-time employees supported**
- 20% of ASBs who receive an ASB grant receive a field visit by AF staff each year.

### Partnerships in Action

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

## Weed Control

- **12,000** prohibited and noxious weed infestations managed;
- Over **150,000 kilometers** of municipal roadways weeds controlled by spray programs; and
- **100%** of the **67 Seed Cleaning Plants** Operating in Alberta are inspected.

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## Pest Management

- **8,000** fields inspected for clubroot;
- **1,200** fields inspected for virulent blackleg;
- **840** fields inspected for *Fusarium*; and
- **2,900** pest insect surveys including Grasshopper, Bertha Armyworm and Diamond Back Moth.



## Environmental Protection and Soil Conservation

- **250** extension events delivered;
- **107** Environmental Farm Plans; and
- **309** GF2 Projects completed in these areas with support from our ASB partners.
- Approximately **170** fields inspected annually for soil erosion issues;

## Key Contacts Program

The key contact can:

- attend ASB meetings;
- present general updates or topic specific updates at meetings;
- provide information on government programs and grants; and
- take questions and concerns back to AF.

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

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