



# PREDATOR REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM



The intent of the Predator Reduction Incentive Program is to manage the impact of predator species - coyotes and wolves - on livestock and wildlife populations on the local landscape.

**Review and understand all information below prior to participating in the program.**

## PROGRAM INFORMATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS

The M.D. of Wainwright will pay an incentive of \$20.00 per coyote and \$150.00 per wolf lawfully harvested within M.D. of Wainwright boundaries and in accordance with all applicable provincial legislation and regulations during the approved program period from October 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> annually, or until the permitted budget cap is reached. To qualify for the incentive payment, eligible participants must bring the covered coyote and/or wolf carcasses to the Administration Office located at 717 14<sup>th</sup> Ave, Wainwright, AB. Eligible program participants are limited to a combined maximum of **12 animals** claimed per program term.

The Agricultural Services Department (ASD) will accept carcasses for inspection by **appointment only** during regular business hours (8:30am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-4:30pm). Please note that staff are **not** in the office daily and it is the responsibility of the participant to ensure they have arranged inspections. To make an appointment, contact ASD by emailing [asbprograms@mdwainwright.ca](mailto:asbprograms@mdwainwright.ca) or calling 780-842-4454.

### Eligible Participants:

- M.D. of Wainwright landowners and those renting land within Municipal boundaries are eligible to participate in the program (rural and hamlet residents). Proof of land rental may be required to verify eligibility to participate.
- **One person per rural address** may participate in this program (blue sign number must be provided).
  - If you are a M.D. landowner but do not have a rural address, please contact ASD.
- Participants are required to abide by all relevant provincial legislation and hunting regulations.
- Village of Irma, Edgerton and Chauvin residents, Town of Wainwright residents, and non M.D. residents are ineligible to participate.

### Eligible Animals:

- Only whole, unskinned carcasses are accepted for payment; pelts or partial carcasses are not eligible.
- Previously frozen or stored carcasses —such as those kept in freezers—are not eligible.
- Carcasses must be fresh and recently harvested. Spoiled or showing signs of decomposition are not eligible. Carcasses appearing harvested not in accordance with the program (ie roadkill or snared) are not eligible.
- Carcasses must be covered by a tarp or other means when bringing them in for inspection.
- Participants are advised that it is illegal to sell whole or unskinned carcasses to anyone other than a fur buyer.

### Coyote Hunting Note:

- Private Land: No license is required for residents to hunt coyotes on private land or land they have authorized access to, at any time of the year.
- Public Land: verify permissions, access requirements, and seasonal restrictions with the appropriate party prior to accessing Public Lands.

### Wolf Hunting Note:

- Private Land & Livestock Owners: Residents with access to private land, or those maintaining livestock on public land, can hunt wolves at any time of the year without a license.

*Note: The information provided is based on typical regulations; it is advised to check the current Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations for the most up-to-date rules.*



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### Additional Terms and Conditions:

- Participants will be required to provide the legal land location where the carcasses were harvested. ASD reserves the right to verify land locations provided are registered in the participants name or request proof of permission to hunt on non-owned land.
- ASD staff will mark the left front foot of coyote carcasses with spray paint to identify it as having been paid the incentive. Wolves will be photographed.
- The carcass will be returned to the participant who will be responsible for disposing of it safely and properly.
- Carcasses that originate from outside the M.D. boundaries or are brought in by an ineligible participant will not be accepted for payment under this program.
- This program may terminate at an earlier date than the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline subject to budget limitations.
- ASD staff have the right to disqualify carcasses if they suspect they do not meet the criteria.
- Please contact the Fish & Wildlife Office with any questions relating to regulations.
- Participation may be immediately suspended or terminated for:
  - False declarations
  - Importing carcasses
  - Any misuse of the program
  - Any form of disrespectful behaviour toward Municipal personnel

### How to Participate:

1. Review **all** program materials to ensure you are eligible to participate.
2. Make an inspection appointment with ASD.
3. Bring eligible carcasses **covered** to the Admin Office at your appointment time. Inspections will be conducted outdoors only. Carcasses must be easily accesible for inspection.
4. ASD staff will inspect carcasses to ensure they meet eligibility requirements and mark the front left foot of coyotes with spray paint and photograph wolves.
5. Participants are responsible for the safe and proper disposal of carcasses following inspection.
6. Participants should complete an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Authorization Form to receive payment under the program. One will be emailed to you following your first inspection.
7. The Predator Reduction Incentive Program Application Form must be completed at the time of intake; subsequent submissions may be recorded by ASD on the same Application Form.
8. At the conclusion of the program term (April 30) ASD will submit all verified applications for payment processing. A single lump payment will be issued via EFT in mid May at the first available opportunity.



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