AGENDA
AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD MEETING
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK
May 6, 2026
1:30 pm

Introduction of new board member, Todd Vance and AES Assistant Manager Ayla Peacock.
Thank you to Martin Puch for many years of service on the ASB.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

B. MINUTES

a) Draft Agricultural Service Board Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2026

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Support for Enhanced AIS Prevention Efforts
   - Letter to Council from Minister

b) Concerns over the closure of the Lacombe Research and Development Centre
   - Letter sent in support

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Agricultural and Environmental Service Board Strategic and Operational Plan 2025-2029
   - Tabled pending Provincial Regulation Policy Updates
   - *Will be sent out prior to Wednesdays Meeting*

b) Wildlife Predation Identification Training
   - ASB Member will bring information

c) Dams Discussion
   - January 2026 - The board would like to see a meeting scheduled for all dam users downstream from the four dams, with an open discussion on how the water should be managed.
   - Board would like to start with the Foothills Dam users.
   - No meeting scheduled to date.

d) New Regulations on CFIA
   - Ag Fieldman to research the possibility of hosting an information meeting for producers in the MD of Pincher Creek with the Alberta Beef Producers representative to explain the proposed CFIA changes.
   - CFIA is unable to attend.

e) Policy Review
   - C-AES-001 License of Occupation
     - In legal review at Council level
   - C-AES-002 Landowners to Assume Responsibility for Weed Control on Municipal Right-of-Ways Adjacent to their Property
   - C-AES-003 Weed Free Gravel/Aggregate
   - C-AES-004 Weed Control
   - C-AES-004B Eradicable Weed Control
   - C-AES-005 Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pest Act Appeal Committee
   - C-AES-006 Agricultural Pests
   - C-AES-007 Soil Conservation Act Appeal Committee
   - C-AES-605 Livestock Industry
   - C-FIN-529 Fees and Charges (Agriculture and Environmental Services Section)

E. AES DEPARTMENTAL REPORT AND CALL LOG

a) Agricultural Fieldman Reports – March through May, 2026

F. WEED NOTICES

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. For Action

2. For Information

a) Shadow Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
   - Letter of Gratitude
b) Do More Agriculture Foundation Newsletters
   - March
   - April
c) AB Farm Fresh Producers Association
   - March Newsletter
d) Alberta Energy Regulator
   - Weed & Rest Compliance on AER Regulated Well Sites
e) Agricultural Moisture Situation Update
   - April 24, 2026
f) Do More Agricultural Foundation
   - 2026 Community Fund for Mental Health

H. NEW BUSINESS

a) New Scale Discussion
b) Strychnine Discussion

I. NEXT MEETING – *was scheduled for July 1 – need new date.*

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Minutes of the
Agricultural Service Board – Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
March 4, 2026

Present: Vice Chair Mark Zoratti, Councillors Tony Bruder and Jim Welsch, and Martin Puch and Stuart Lewis.

Also Present: CAO Roland Milligan, Agricultural Fieldman Shane Poulsen, Executive Assistant Jessica McClelland.

Absent: Chair Anna Welsch

Vice Chair Mark Zoratti opened the meeting at 1:30 pm.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/009

Moved that the agenda for March 4, 2026, be amended to include:
- Introduction of new member at large - Stuart Lewis
- New Business: Support for Enhanced AIS Prevention Efforts

AND THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATION

C. MINUTES

Martin Puch 26/010

Moved that the minutes of January 14, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) New Regulations on CFIA
- Ag Fieldman reached out to a representative from the CFIA regarding potential changes. The board suggested that the representative attend a future ASB or Council meeting to update the community.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Agricultural and Environmental Service Board Strategic and Operational Plan 2025-2029
- Still in draft
- Ag Fieldman plans to have the document back for approval this Summer

b) Wildlife Predation Identification Training
- ASB Member will bring information

c) Policy C-AES-001 License of Occupation
- Being Moved into Traffic Bylaw

- Still in Review at Council Level

d) MD Deadstock Bin Update
- 3 bins being delivered this week to Divisions 1, 4 and 5 (Division 5-Wolbert/Division 1-Vance/Division 4 - Burles)
- Division 3 still needs a location for a bin
- Multiple other locations were discussed, including the airport, and gravel pits
- Signage installed? Unclear
- Social media request for hosts – continue to post for Division 3

e) Dams Discussion
- The board would like to see a meeting scheduled for all dam users downstream from the four dams, with an open discussion on how the water should be managed.
  - No meeting scheduled to date
  - Board requested to start with the Foothills dam users

F. 2026 AES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/011

Moved to accept for information the departmental reports from the Agricultural Fieldman for February 2026.

Carried

G. WEED NOTICE

Councillor Tony Bruder attended the meeting at 2:18 pm.

AES Fieldman stated new AES Assistant Fieldman will be in charge of weed notices. None were issued for last season.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. For Action

2. For Information

Stuart Lewis 26/012

Moved that the following be received as information:

a) The Do More Agricultural Foundation
- February eNews

b) AB Farm Fresh Producers Association
- January eNews

Carried

c) Concerns over the closure of the Lacombe Research and Development Centre
- Letter from Lacombe County

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/013

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board send a letter to Alberta Ag, regarding concerns over the lack of funding and closures of research and development centres,

AND THAT the draft letter be sent to the board for review prior to the letter being sent,

AND FINALLY, copies of the letter be sent to Member of Parliament John Barlow and Member of the Legislative Assembly, Chelsae Petrovic.

Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

a) Policy review

Councillor Tony Bruder 26/014

Moved to table policy review to next meeting, pending the Provincial Regulation changes:

1) C-AES-001 License of Occupation
   - In legal review at Council level
2) C-AES-002 Landowners to Assume Responsibility for Weed Control on Municipal Right-of-Ways Adjacent to their Property
3) C-AES-003 Weed Free Gravel/Aggregate
4) C-AES-004 Weed Control
5) C-AES-004B Eradicable Weed Control
6) C-AES-005 Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pest Act Appeal Committee
7) C-AES-006 Agricultural Pests
8) C-AES-007 Soil Conservation Act Appeal Committee
9) C-AES-605 Livestock Industry
10) C-FIN-529 Fees and Charges (Agriculture and Environmental Services Section)

Carried

b) Terms of Reference – last updated November 2024

Martin Puch 26/015

Moved to table the Terms of Reference to next meeting pending the Provincial Regulation changes.

Carried

c) AES Equipment Discussion
   1) Loading Chute Disrepair

- Discussion on partnering with adjacent municipalities to purchase new equipment
- Safety requirements were discussed, and lights, reflective strips and/or slow vehicle signs are a requirement as it is MD owned equipment

2) Potential Purchase of Waterline Pumping Equipment
   - Cost of purchasing waterline equipment would be a minimum of $30k
   - MD has pipe for rent, but not a pump
3) Possibility of adding a rock picker to the rental fleet

Stuart Lewis 26/016

Moved that the ASB request that Council add to the 2027 budget the cost of replacing the loading chute.

Carried

d) Support for Enhanced AIS Prevention Efforts

Martin Puch 26/017

Moved that the Agricultural Service Board send a letter to the Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen in support of enhanced AIS prevention efforts for all ports of entry into Alberta,

AND THAT this letter be sent to Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta, Honourable R.J. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, John Barlow Member of Parliament and Chelsae Petrovic Member of the Legislative Assembly as well as the Alberta Irrigation Districts Association, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Carried

J. CLOSED SESSION

K. NEXT MEETING – May 6, 2026 at 1:30 pm

L. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Jim Welsch 26/018

Moved to adjourn the meeting, the time being 3:09 pm.

Carried

ASB Chairperson ASB Secretary

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ALBERTA

ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTED AREAS

Office of the Minister

March 12, 2026

Mr. Rick Lemire, Reeve
c/o Ms. Jessica McClelland, Executive Assistant
Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
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Dear Reeve Lemire:

Thank you for your letter supporting enhanced aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention and your commitment to strengthening Alberta's AIS response.

Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) remains committed to implementing the AIS Task Force's recommendations and strengthening Alberta's AIS prevention and response framework. We are increasing the number of watercraft inspection stations from 11 to 12 by adding a new site at the Chief Mountain Border Crossing, while continuing to deploy the roving crew. We are also adding two conservation K9 teams to return to the full complement of three teams.

The AIS Task Force recommended several key measures as essential to building a robust, provincewide defense against invasive mussels. I am pleased to share EPA advanced all seven AIS Task Force recommendations.

AIS program enhancements driven from task force recommendations include:

- exploring alternative funding to stabilize AIS program budgets and not be subject to treasury board fluctuations. As well, a pilot proof of inspection sticker was used in 2025, and is being repeated in 2026;
- pursuing the first in Canada pilot dip tank technology for hot washing watercraft;
- instituting mandatory inspections for all watercraft entering Alberta from eastern or southern borders, requiring watercraft to report to designated provincial inspection stations before launching into Alberta's waters;
- advocating more aquatic pesticide registrations be made available in Canada to improve response efforts if/when needed;

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- enhancing detection abilities by incorporating environmental DNA monitoring through water filtration to catch elusive species difficult to detect by conventional monitoring efforts;
- ensuring a detailed plan for early detection and rapid response for invasive mussels is developed, as well as updating the general AIS plan; and
- ensuring government readiness and preparedness if Alberta detects an occurrence of invasive mussels by conducting annual exercises.

For more information, or to discuss next steps, please contact
Ms. Nicole Kimmel, Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, in Edmonton,
at 780-975-3793 (dial 310-0000 for a toll-free connection)
or nicole.kimmel@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing support in protecting Alberta from AIS.
Your leadership and collaboration are essential, as addressing the threat of invasive species is a shared responsibility.

Sincerely,

Grant Hunter
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

cc: Honourable Danielle Smith
Premier of Alberta

Honourable RJ Sigurdson
Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

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Dear Minister MacDonald,

RE: Concerns over the closure of the Lacombe Research and Development Centre

During their March 4, 2026, meeting, the Agricultural Service Board for the MD of Pincher Creek discussed concerns over the closure and explored potential alternatives. We hope the federal government will consider options that preserve this critical facility, such as phased support or partnership models, to avoid irreversible loss.

Why this matters provincially:

- **Economic Harm**: Loss of more than 100 stable, professional jobs in a small labour market, including the erosion of a major employment anchor for the region.
- **Student Pipeline Loss**: Reduction in hands-on student placements, mentorship, and early-career opportunities that are essential for Canada's agri-food workforce.
- **Research Disruptio**n: Termination or relocation of long-term scientific trials that cannot be replicated without irreparable loss of data and infrastructure value.
- **Ecosystem Damage**: Undermining the research cluster that connects academia, industry, and public-sector innovation in Central Alberta.
- **National Capacity Risks**: A weakening of Canada's independent agricultural research base at a time of heightened global uncertainty.

The Lacombe Research and Development Centre has played a key role in Canadian agricultural innovation by conducting high-value applied research, including integrated crop protection, climate-smart agriculture, livestock and crop genetics, and improving production efficiency. Its extensive long-term trials and decades of data are invaluable, and losing this capacity could cause irreparable damage to Canada's research infrastructure and economic stability.

The Centre is not only scientifically important but also a vital contributor to the identity, sustainability, and economic stability that benefits surrounding municipalities.

The proposed closure happens amidst global instability and climate challenges, highlighting the urgent need for ongoing federal support. We respectfully urge the Minister to reconsider this decision and to commit to keeping the Lacombe Research and Development Centre as a vital national asset.

Sincerely,

Anna Welsch
Chair, Agricultural Service Board, MD of Pincher Creek

cc: MLA Chelsea Petrovic
MP John Barlow
Lacombe County

M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

CORPORATE POLICY

C-AES-001

TITLE: LICENSE OF OCCUPATION

Approved by Council	**Date: April 28, 2009**
Revised by Council	**Date: October 13, 2015**
Revised by Council	**Date: September 22, 2020**
Reviced by Council	**Date:** ***September 14, 2021***

PURPOSE OF POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to establish a fair and consistent policy for the use and occupation of undeveloped road allowances in the MD of Pincher Creek pursuant to Licences of Occupation with adjacent landowners.

POLICY STATEMENT

The MD of Pincher Creek Council recognizes that there are some benefits derived from agricultural pursuits on undeveloped road allowances.

DEFINITIONS

1. For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:
   a. "MD" shall mean and refer to the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9.

FEES

Fees are established per half mile or portion thereof, as per Policy C-FIN-529 – Fees and Charges.

CONDITIONS

Municipal road allowances, not presently required for road construction, may be leased under a "license of occupation", Appendix B, by the landowner or interested party for agricultural use provided that where the road allowance borders two or more landowners, the applicant has approval of bordering landowner(s) prior to application, Appendix A.

Brian Hammond
Reeve

Troy A. MacCulloch
Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE OF OCCUPATION

Date: _____

I/We _____ of _____

Print Address

Hereby apply for a permit to occupy:

a) The following described road allowance

_____

b) The property described as follows:

_____

for _____ purposes.

I control the following lands:

Portion *Section* *Township* *Range* *Meridian*

I/WE have reached an agreement with the occupants of lands adjoining said road allowance/property as to the erection and maintenance of line fences adjoining said road allowance. I/WE agree to be bound by the terms and conditions to the attached License of Occupation form. I/WE have included the prescribed fee established per half mile or portion thereof, as per Policy C-FIN-529 – Fees and Charges for this calendar year.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

CONSENT OF ADJOINING OWNER OR OCCUPANT

I/We _____ hereby consent to the granting of a permit to _____ to occupy the above described road allowance/property.

_____

Signature

_____

Print

This information is being collected under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, Part 3; Division 2; and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to issue a License of Occupation. If you have any questions about the collection of this information contact 403-627-3130.

Appendix B

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

LICENSE OF OCCUPATION

Date: _____

Between the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 (the Lessor) and _____ (the Lessee).

In consideration of the receipt of a license fee as established per half mile or portion thereof, as per Policy C-FIN-529 – Fees and Charges and subject to the terms and conditions stated below, the Lessor hereby grants a license of occupation to the Lessee on the following described road allowance(s):

_____ for agricultural purposes (e.g. livestock grazing or crop production) .

Terms and Conditions:

1. The Lessee hereby indemnifies and holds harmless the Lessor from any and all claims or causes of action, including personal injury, death, or property damage brought by the Lessee or his/her agent that may arise or result from or in connection with the Lessee's use of the leased land under this license. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the Lessee indemnifies and holds harmless the Lessor from any and all claims that may arise as a result of use of the leased land by the Lessee for grazing of livestock.

2. The Lessee shall obtain general public liability insurance of not less than two million ($2,000,000) dollars for claims brought as a result of personal injury, death, or property damage, occasioned as a result of the use of the road allowance by third parties, provided that such use was authorized by the Lessee and occasioned by or in connection with actions or responsibilities, including the grazing of livestock, of the Lessee.

3. The Lessee shall be responsible for managing and control of noxious and other weeds on the leased lands caused by or in connection with the Lessee's use of the leased lands.

4. The Lessee shall be responsible for prevention and repair of any erosion to soil or waterways caused by or in connection with the Lessee's use of the leased lands.

5. The Lessee may erect and maintain fences or other structures reasonably required in connection with their use of the leased lands under this license, provided that such fences or structures shall not unreasonably impede or prevent legal access by the public and are approved in advance.

6. The Lessee shall not prohibit or unreasonably restrict public access and passage over the road allowance, but may from time to time impose conditions or restrictions on access and use where such conditions are temporary in nature and reasonably necessary or appropriate to the Lessee's operations and responsibilities under this agreement. The Lessee may install a sign to indicate to the public conditions of access.

7. Your new License of Occupation will remain in effect, provided that applicable fees are paid, as well as providing notice to the MD of Pincher Creek when circumstances change with respect to the License of Occupation (i.e. change of ownership *of either the lessee or the consenting adjacent landowner*, no longer require the use of the road allowance, etc.).

8. This license may be revoked or terminated for cause by the Lessor upon three day's written notice to the Lessee, and the Lessee shall immediately cease using and remove any livestock from the road allowance, and this agreement shall be terminated. The Lessee shall have no claim in connection with rightful termination by the Lessor under this section.

_____

Lessee

_____

Lessee

Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9

_____

Shane Poulsen, Agricultural Fieldman

M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

CORPORATE POLICY

C-AES-002

TITLE: LANDOWNERS ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR WEED CONTROL ON MUNICIPAL RIGHT-OF-WAYS ADJACENT TO THEIR PROPERTY

Approved by Council:	Date: March 11, 2014
Revised by Council:	Date: June 25, 2019
Revised by Council:	Date: September 22, 2020

Policy Statement

The M.D. of Pincher Creek No. 9 has established a policy to direct landowners to assume responsibility for weed control on Municipal right-of-ways adjacent to their property.

Background:

The Municipal District of Pincher Creek is responsible for the effective management, on municipal lands, of designated Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weed species under the Alberta Weed Control Act, and other weeds elevated to such status by Municipal District bylaws, and as such, carry out an annual integrated weed management program (including but not limited to, appropriate herbicide treatments for these weeds) on municipal roadside right-of-ways (ROW).

The Municipal District recognizes certain landowners are opposed to herbicide treatments on municipal ROW adjacent to their private property. In an effort to respond to these concerns, the Municipal District may provide opportunity for these landowners to enter into an annually reviewed, conditional agreement (as described below) whereby the landowner assumes responsibility to control weeds on behalf of the Municipal District in designated and appropriately signed municipal ROW adjacent to their private property.

The Municipal District maintains the right to refuse to enter into conditional agreements with any adjacent landowner to manage weeds on municipal ROW, and may cancel an existing agreement under this policy at any time to ensure appropriate weed control actions (including herbicide treatment as required) are implemented on these areas, as required by provincial law under the Alberta Weed Control Act, or related municipal bylaw.

Municipal District of Pincher Creek's Responsibilities under This Policy & Related Agreements:

- Make available signage designating that the landowner adjacent to the municipal ROW is responsible for weed control in the municipal ROW.
- Annually review and record the agreements under this policy as a method of recording all municipal ROW's that will have weeds being controlled by the adjacent landowner.
- Periodically inspect the municipal ROW under this policy and related agreements for any designated Prohibited Noxious and/or Noxious weed species under the Alberta Weed Control Act or related municipal bylaws, to ensure these weeds are being controlled to the satisfaction of the municipality.
- If weed control in the municipal ROW is unsatisfactory at the time of inspection, municipal staff will attempt to make contact with the adjacent landowner responsible for weed control in the municipal ROW.
- If adequate weed control is not carried out within an agreed upon amount of time (between Ag Fieldman and landowner or occupant), municipal staff or designated contractors will carry out control of these weeds using any means deemed necessary by the Municipal District of Pincher Creek, including herbicide treatment.
- If a municipal ROW under agreement as per this policy is inadvertently or intentionally treated with herbicide by municipal staff or designated contractors, the adjacent landowner be notified as soon as practically possible, but the Municipal District of Pincher Creek will not offer compensation for any impacts to a landowner organic certification resulting from herbicide application in the municipal ROW.
- Annually review and, as required, renew or cancel agreements as necessary under the policy.

Landowner Responsibilities under This Policy & Related Agreements:

- Provide the Municipal District of Pincher Creek with a written, legal description of their property adjacent to the municipal ROW for which they wish to assume weed control responsibilities under this policy.
- Sign the agreement describing the areas for which they have agreed to carry out weed control.
- Securely and prominently erect/maintain signage provided by the municipality, as described above, to the fences bordering the municipal ROW and the adjacent land.

- Signs provided to designate areas covered under this policy and related agreements are the property of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek, and are not to be altered in any way.
- Signs provided will be mounted by the landowner in a manner that displays them facing the adjacent municipal ROW, to ensure visibility from all access points to the municipal ROW.
- Control designated Prohibited Noxious and/or Noxious weed species under the Alberta Weed Control Act, or related municipal bylaws, in the municipal ROW adjacent to their property to the satisfaction of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek.
- Understand this policy & related agreements do not grant permission to use the municipal ROW as any portion of "setback" to comply with organic certification standards.
- Understand the Municipal District of Pincher Creek will not offer compensation for any impacts to a landowner's organic certification resulting from herbicide application in the municipal ROW.
- Understand this policy and related agreements are subject to review annually or as required, which may result in renewal or cancellation of agreements at the Municipal District of Pincher Creek's discretion.

Brian Hammond
Reeve

Troy A. MacCulloch
Chief Administrative Officer

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF PINCHER CREEK #9
and
ADJACENT LANDOWNER NAMED BELOW

First Name Last Name

Mailing Address

Home phone/Cell phone Email address

The above parties agree that the adjacent landowner named above and signed below will install & maintain signage as provided by the municipality, and will adequately control all Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weeds under the Alberta Weed Control Act, and related municipal bylaws, to the satisfaction of the Municipal District of Pincher Creek, in the municipal right-of-ways (ROW) immediately adjacent to the legal land description(s) described below:

The above to be carried out as per specific responsibilities described under Municipal District of Pincher Creek Policy #603 - Landowners Assuming Responsibility for Weed Control in Municipal Right-Of-Ways Adjacent to Their Property. This agreement becomes null and void at the end of the calendar year of signing, renewal or date of notification of cancellation by either party, whichever comes first.

Date agreement signed

I have read and fully understand – signature of landowner

Agricultural Fieldman

Director of Operations

Date of last review (initialled by Ag Fieldman or designate)

M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

CORPORATE POLICY

C-AES-003

TITLE: WEED FREE GRAVEL / AGGREGATE POLICY

Approved by Council: **Date: March 11, 2014**

Revised by Council: **Date: June 25, 2019**

Summary

The Municipal District of Pincher Creek is responsible for the effective management, on municipal lands, of designated prohibited noxious and noxious weed species under the *Alberta Weed Control Act; Weed Control Regulation*, and other weeds elevated to such status by Municipal District bylaws, and as such, carry out an annual integrated weed management program (including, but not limited to, appropriate herbicide treatments for these weeds) on municipal roadside right-of-ways (ROW), gravel pits, municipal reserves and environmental reserves.

With that in mind, the Agricultural and Environmental Services Department wants to be part of the decision of where the municipality distributes its gravel from, in order to control the spread of weeds from gravel pits.
Annual inspection of all municipal and participating private gravel pits (aggregate sources) may ensure all gravel, pit run, and aggregate products used within the municipal boundaries come from a municipally inspected gravel pit to assist in preventing the spread of invasive plants; (*Weed Control Act* Part 1: 4(1) and 5(1)).

Background

The Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 has approximately 900 kms of gravel roads to maintain. Most roads are re-gravelled every three years (MD Draft Policy Road Maintenance) which makes taking this step important in the areas of not only weed control, but in budgeting and yearly costs as well.

TITLE: WEED FREE GRAVEL / AGGREGATE POLICY

Approved by Council: **Date: March 11, 2014**

Revised by Council: **Date: June 25, 2019**

Requirements

There are four basic requirements to carrying out an effective policy.

- Yearly Inspections – depending on the weed species, there could be as many as four or five different inspections/control per year.
- Program of Integrated Weed Management, with chemical control being the most used component as noxious weed species often flourish in gravel pits, which are highly disturbed areas.
- Communication between all departments of the municipality so that a known weed infestation is not spread from a gravel pit with a viable alternative.
- Communication to anyone in the municipality that may be using gravel from a pit within our borders.

Resources

The Agricultural Fieldman will allocate the appropriate resources to implement this policy. Annually the Fieldman will,

- Designate a crew to inspect each gravel pit.
- Implement an Integrated Control Strategy for each pit, providing all the tools to each crew necessary to carrying out effective control.
- Maintain a list of all Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weeds (as represented in the Weed Act and as locally elevated species) present in the pit.
- Do a minimum of one annual inspection of all gravel pits in the municipality seeking 'Weed Free' status.
- Communicate all information to Public Works, Municipal Administration and whoever else makes an inquiry as to the status of their purchased gravel in the MD of Pincher Creek.

TITLE: WEED FREE GRAVEL / AGGREGATE POLICY

Approved by Council: **Date: March 11, 2014**

Revised by Council: **Date: June 25, 2019**

DISCLAIMER

Due to the disturbed nature of the areas used for gravel/sand/borrow materials, there will be weed and weed seed present in any area certified in this process. Open soils are subject to exposure to weed seeds from uncontrolled machinery and circumstances. While all attempts to control the entry of weed seeds is taken for the 'Class A' certification, there is still the possibility of contamination from other sources, including but not limited to:

i) all machines associated with the movement of soils and aggregate materials, and all machines used in the gravel crushing process;
ii) vehicles used in the sale and transport of saleable materials;
iii) windblown seeds;
iv) waterborne seeds;
v) seeds borne by the natural passage of wildlife through the area.

This program is put in place as a 'best practices' procedure, and is carried out with the intention to do everything possible to reduce the amount of seed spread by the movements of the materials in Appendix #2.

REQUIREMENTS

All Municipal District gravel pits and pit materials should be certified to Municipal District Policy 608 standards and inspected by Agricultural and Environmental Services Department officials. Inspection shall include, but not be limited to, surrounding ditches, top soil piles, gravel/sand piles, fence rows, roads, easements and right-of-ways, working areas, storage areas and a buffer zone surrounding the area. Certification shall be based on a reasonable and prudent visual inspection. Any private gravel pits wishing to be certified to these municipal standards of 'Weed Free Gravel' may sign up through the Agricultural and Environmental Services Department to be listed as participants in this program.

This certificate expires one year after date certified or if Prohibited Noxious weeds are detected by an inspector, at any time, in the crush pile, sand pile, borrow materials, pit run or direct access roads.

TITLE: WEED FREE GRAVEL / AGGREGATE POLICY

Approved by Council: **Date: March 11, 2014**

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CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

All certified pits will be inspected at a minimum of once per year by a qualified inspector to ensure that:

i) there are no growing Prohibited Noxious (PN) or Noxious (N) weeds,
ii) the spraying and picking of any PN or N weeds is done, with the intent of eradication,
iii) the spraying or picking of any non-listed or annual weeds (as listed in Appendix #1),
iv) that all Municipal District equipment entering a Certified 'Weed Free' gravel pit from a non-certified pit, be cleaned of all soil and aggregate materials.

Things NOT done include:

i) inspection of machinery entering and exiting to guarantee the absence of soil borne weed seeds;
ii) inspection of materials for the presence or absence of wind or water borne weed seeds.

APPENDIX #1 (weeds not listed in the Alberta Weed Act to be controlled if possible) – Bladder Campion (*Silene vulgaris*), Kochia (*Kochia scoparia L.*), Queens Anne's Lace (*Daucus carota)*, Wild Caraway (*Carum carvi L.*)

APPENDIX #2 (List of materials to be certified) – all aggregate materials (ie; crushed gravel, sand, pit run) or borrow materials (subsoil & topsoil piles).

Municipal District of Pincher Creek #9 – Certificate of Inspection yy/mm/dd

Inspections (consecutive years)
First Year____Second Year____Third Year____Fourth Year____Five or more years (specify)_____.

Weed Free (consecutive years)
One Year____Two Years____Three Years____Four Years____Five or more years (specify)_____.

Present Year Data:
Pit Operator_____Phone #'s_____

Address_____Town_____Prov._____Postal Code_____-_____

Pit Owner_____Phone #'s_____

Address_____Town_____Prov._____Postal Code_____-_____

Pit Name & Location_____1/4 Sec._____Sec._____T____R____Wof____

Material Description (App.#2)_____

Weeds present_____

Certificate Class*

A._____EXCEEDS requirements and certification standards and all gravel/borrow material has no non-native plants noted, and no seed set, in the last ____ years (4 minimum).

B._____MEETS requirements and certification standards. This gravel/borrow material contains variable amounts of annual weeds BUT contains no Prohibited Noxious or Noxious weeds (as per Alberta Weed Act, and locally elevated weeds).
Weeds Noted:_____.

C._____ MINIMUM requirements and certification standards are met. This gravel/borrow material contains no Prohibited Noxious weeds BUT has variable amounts of Noxious weed species which were immature, (no viable seed) when treated to prevent seed formation. These plant parts, although not usually desirable in the gravel/borrow material, are considered unable to begin new infestations.
Weeds Noted:_____.

D._____ FAILED – Contained Prohibited Noxious weeds, had significant populations of Prohibited Noxious weeds go to seed in the last 3 years, had large concentrations of Noxious weeds present, or other, as explained.
Explanation:_____

_____.

Date Certified:_____Inspector's Signature_____

Dates Inspected:_____

*Based on NAISMA (North American Invasive Species Management Agency) Weed Free Gravel Levels of Certification

M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

CORPORATE POLICY

C-AES-004

TITLE: WEED CONTROL POLICY

Approved by Council: **Date: March 25, 1997**

Revised by Council: **Date: June 25, 2019**

Summary

The Municipal District of Pincher Creek is responsible for the effective management, on municipal lands, of designated prohibited noxious and noxious weed species under the *Alberta Weed Control Act; Weed Control Regulation*, and other weeds elevated to such status by Municipal District bylaws, and as such, carry out an annual integrated weed management program (including, but not limited to, appropriate herbicide treatments for these weeds) on municipal roadside right-of-ways (ROW), gravel pits, municipal reserves and environmental reserves.

With that in mind, the Agricultural and Environmental Services Department wants to be part of the decision of where the municipality distributes its gravel from, in order to control the spread of weeds from gravel pits.
Annual inspection of all municipal and participating private gravel pits (aggregate sources) may ensure all gravel, pit run, and aggregate products used within the municipal boundaries come from a municipally inspected gravel pit to assist in preventing the spread of invasive plants; (*Weed Control Act* Part 1: 4(1) and 5(1)).

Background

The Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 has approximately 900 kms of gravel roads to maintain. Most roads are re-gravelled every three years (MD Draft Policy Road Maintenance) which makes taking this step important in the areas of not only weed control, but in budgeting and yearly costs as well.

TITLE: WEED CONTROL POLICY

Approved by Council: **Date: March 25, 1997**

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Requirements

There are four basic requirements to carrying out an effective policy.

- Yearly Inspections – depending on the weed species, there could be as many as four or five different inspections/control per year.
- Program of Integrated Weed Management, with chemical control being the most used component as noxious weed species often flourish in gravel pits, which are highly disturbed areas.
- Communication between all departments of the municipality so that a known weed infestation is not spread from a gravel pit with a viable alternative.
- Communication to anyone in the municipality that may be using gravel from a pit within our borders.

Resources

The Agricultural Fieldman will allocate the appropriate resources to implement this policy. Annually the Fieldman will,

- Designate a crew to inspect each gravel pit.
- Implement an Integrated Control Strategy for each pit, providing all the tools to each crew necessary to carrying out effective control.
- Maintain a list of all Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weeds (as represented in the Weed Act and as locally elevated species) present in the pit.
- Do a minimum of one annual inspection of all gravel pits in the municipality seeking 'Weed Free' status.
- Communicate all information to Public Works, Municipal Administration and whoever else makes an inquiry as to the status of their purchased gravel in the MD of Pincher Creek.

TITLE: WEED CONTROL POLICY

Approved by Council: **Date: March 25, 1997**

Revised by Council: **Date: June 25, 2019**

Purpose:

The Agricultural and Environmental Services Department is responsible for developing and delivering an effective weed control program in the Municipal District (MD) of Pincher Creek. This will be accomplished by following the guidelines and recommendations of the *Alberta Weed Control Act*, the *Alberta Agricultural Service Board Act*, and the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.*

The Department is responsible for weed control on all municipally owned or controlled lands such as developed and undeveloped Right of Ways, owned or leased Gravel Pits, MD owned or leased land and MD Reserve Lands (Environmental, Conservation, Community Services, Municipal, School and Municipal and School), as designated by Municipal Council.

The Department staff will conduct a weed inspection and enforcement program on private land, Crown land, transportation corridors, and industrial sites. In all cases, the landowner is responsible for weed control, with any control measures taken by Department staff on these lands being done at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman and/or the Director of Operations, as well as according to Policy C-AES-601B, on a cost recovery basis, or charged at MD rates established by council.

Objectives:

The Weed Control Program's Objectives are to:

- Protect the agricultural productivity of land.
- Prevent the introduction and spread of Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weeds as outlined in the *Alberta Weed Control Act*.
- Eradicate Prohibited Noxious weeds as outlined in the *Alberta Weed Control Act*.

The Agricultural Fieldman (supervisor), Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Weed Inspectors, and Roadside Spray Crews will work together to carry out the following:

TITLE: WEED CONTROL POLICY

Approved by Council: **Date: March 25, 1997**

Revised by Council: **Date: June 25, 2019**

Legislated Responsibilities:

- Eradicate, or cause to be eradicated, any Prohibited Noxious weeds as outlined under the *Alberta Weed Control Act* or local Municipal Bylaw. Council may designate some or all of these species as Eradicable Weeds from year to year at their discretion.
- Control, or cause to be controlled, any Noxious weeds as outlined under the *Alberta Weed Control Act* or local Municipal Bylaw. Council may designate certain Noxious and/or other weed species as priority concerns or Eradicable Weeds from year to year at their discretion.
- Properly document and map all weed infestations and activities. Pesticide applicator files must be kept for ALL applications.

Other Responsibilities:

- For the control of Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weeds on small acreage areas, premixed herbicides are available on a cost recovery basis at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman.
- Promote education and awareness of proper chemical, mechanical, biological, cultural and integrated weed management techniques.
- Demonstrate weed identification techniques.
- Work in cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions to promote and encourage weed control outside our municipal boundaries (for example; Crowsnest Pass).
- Work in cooperation with industry to develop an effective weed control strategy both within and beyond our municipal boundaries.
- Work in cooperation with Alberta Agriculture & Forestry and Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada research scientists to provide local plots for weed and herbicide demonstrations, as well as technology transfer.
- Provide recommendations for grass seed mixes to reclaim bare ground or disturbed areas, insisting upon and promoting a good seed mix and a Certificate of Seed Analysis.

- Conduct regular inspections of the local Seed Cleaning Plant. When requested by the Pincher Creek Seed Cleaning Plant Board, one member of the Agricultural Service Board may sit as an observer.

Pesticide Container Collection:

A temporary site for empty pesticide container is maintained at the Pincher Creek Airport. The site is regularly inspected and certified as safe by the Pesticide Management Branch of Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development from Lethbridge. The storage trailer at the site is periodically emptied at the Crowsnest Pincher Creek Landfill disposal site for pesticide containers where they are shredded and sent for recycling.

Legal Requirements:

Involves acquiring permits for chemical application, handling, & storage of materials, in accordance with the applicable legislation.
The Agricultural Fieldman is a member of the Professional Vegetation Manager's Association (PVMA), an industry driven group of both private and public organizations involved in industrial vegetation control. Their publication Industry Standards and Good Practices is this department's guide for fulfilling legal requirements associated with vegetation control. A copy is available for viewing at the Agricultural Fieldman's office.

Related Legislation:

Federal Pest Control Products Act
Alberta Agricultural Service Board Act
Alberta Weed Control Act
Alberta Environmental Protection & Enhancement Act

TITLE: WEED CONTROL POLICY

Approved by Council: **Date: March 25, 1997**

Revised by Council: **Date: June 25, 2019**

Related Policy:

C-AES-002 – Landowners Assuming Responsibility for Weed Control on Municipal Right-of-Ways (ROW) Adjacent to Their Property
C-AES-004B – Eradicable Weed Policy
C-AES-003 – Weed Free Gravel Policy

M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

CORPORATE POLICY

C-AES-004B

TITLE: ERADICABLE WEED CONTROL POLICY

Approved by Council: **Date: June 25, 2019**

Revised by Council: **Date:**

Purpose:

To maintain an excellent working relationship with the ratepayers, landowners and leaseholders of the municipality.

Objectives:

To use municipal resources to establish a program that at the discretion of the Municipal Council, the Agricultural Service Board and the Agricultural Fieldman, can aid private landowners in the eradication and maintenance of Prohibited Noxious Weeds, as listed in the *Alberta Weed Control Act*, and of certain Noxious Weeds (appendix A) as determined possible by the above authorities. Only infestations small enough to be considered eradicable, are eligible for this program. Policy is to be reviewed on a minimum biannual basis with the intentions of;

1) Bringing as many Invasive Species as possible to the level of potential eradication
2) Keeping the cost to ratepayers at the most reasonable level possible
3) Provide for a higher level of involvement among all stakeholders

Basis:
Eradication can only be achieved with full cooperation from all stakeholders. It isn't possible for the municipality to inspect all land in the municipality, nor is that the most effective way of doing it. With a clear and effective policy of cooperation, as set out by the enforcing authorities the Province and the Municipal District of Pincher Creek, all involved can work cooperatively to protect our lands from these Invasive Species.

Legal Requirements:

As mentioned in Policy C-AES-004.

TITLE: ERADICABLE WEED CONTROL POLICY

Approved by Council: **Date: June 25, 2019**

Revised by Council: **Date:**

Related Legislation:

Federal Pest Control Products Act
Alberta Agricultural Service Board Act
Alberta Weed Control Act
Alberta Environmental Protection & Enhancement Act

Related Policy:

C-AES-002 – Landowners Assuming Responsibility for Weed Control on Municipal Right-of-Ways (ROW) Adjacent to Their Property
C-AES-004 – Weed Control Policy
C-AES-003 – Weed Free Gravel Policy

C-AES-004B APPENDIX A: Weeds to be considered under this policy

1) All Prohibited Noxious Weeds (as listed in the *Alberta Weed Control Act*)

The following plants are designated as prohibited noxious weeds in Alberta:

1. autumn olive — *Elaeagnus umbellata* Thunberg
2. balsam, Himalayan — *Impatiens glandulifera* Royle
3. barberry, common — *Berberis vulgaris* L.
4. bartsia, red — *Odontites vernus* (Bellardi) Dumortier ssp. *serotinus* (Dumortier) Corbière
5. buckthorn, common — *Rhamnus cathartica* L.
6. cinquefoil, sulphur — *Potentilla recta* L.
7. crupina, common — *Crupina vulgaris* Persoon ex Cassini
8. dyer's woad — *Isatis tinctoria* L.
9. Eurasian water milfoil — *Myriophyllum spicatum* L.
10. flowering rush — *Butomus umbellatus* L.
11. garlic mustard — *Alliaria petiolata* (M. Bieberstein) Cavara & Grande
12. goatgrass, jointed — *Aegilops cylindrica* Host
13. hawkweed, meadow — *Hieracium caespitosum* Dumortier
14. hawkweed, mouse-ear — *Hieracium pilosella* L.
15. hawkweed, orange — *Hieracium aurantiacum* L.
16. hoary alyssum — *Berteroa incana* (L.) DC.
17. hogweed, giant — *Heracleum mantegazzianum* Sommier & Levier
18. iris, pale yellow — *Iris pseudacorus* L.
19. knapweed, bighead — *Centaurea macrocephala* Puschkarew ex Willdenow
20. knapweed, black — *Centaurea nigra* L.
21. knapweed, brown — *Centaurea jacea* L.
22. knapweed, diffuse — *Centaurea diffusa* Lamarck
23. knapweed, hybrid — *Centaurea* × *psammogena* Gáyer
24. knapweed, meadow — *Centaurea* × *moncktonii* C. E. Britton
25. knapweed, Russian — *Acroptilon repens* (L.) DC.
26. knapweed, spotted — *Centaurea stoebe* L. ssp. *micranthos* (Gugler) Hayek
27. knapweed, squarrose — *Centaurea virgata* Lam. ssp. *squarrosa* (Boissier) Gugler
28. knapweed, Tyrol — *Centaurea nigrescens* Willdenow
29. knotweed, giant — *Fallopia sachalinensis* (F. Schmidt) Ronse Decraene
30. knotweed, hybrid Japanese — *Fallopia* × *bohemica* (Chrtek & Chrtková) J. P. Bailey
31. knotweed, Japanese — *Fallopia japonica* (Houttuyn) Ronse Decraene
32. loosestrife, purple — *Lythrum salicaria* L.
33. medusahead — *Taeniatherum caput-medusae* (L.) Nevski
34. nutsedge, yellow — *Cyperus esculentus* L.
35. puncturevine — *Tribulus terrestris* L.
36. ragwort, tansy — *Senecio jacobaea* L.
37. rush skeletonweed — *Chondrilla juncea* L.
38. saltcedar — *Tamarix ramosissima* Ledebour
39. saltlover — *Halogeton glomeratus* (M. Bieberstein) C.A. Mey.
40. St John's-wort, common — *Hypericum perforatum* L.
41. starthistle, yellow — *Centaurea solstitialis* L.
42. tamarisk, Chinese — *Tamarix chinensis* de Loureiro
43. tamarisk, smallflower — *Tamarix parviflora* DC.
44. thistle, marsh — *Cirsium palustre* (L.) Scopoli
45. thistle, nodding — *Carduus nutans* L.
46. thistle, plumeless — *Carduus acanthoides* L.

2) Noxious Weeds determined to be eradicable in the MD of Pincher Creek, as of 2019

- Scentless Chamomile – *Tripleurospermum perforatum syn. T. inodorum*
- Field Scabious – *Knautia arvensis*

M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

CORPORATE POLICY

C-AES-005

TITLE: WEED CONTROL ACT AND AGRICULTURAL PEST ACT APPEAL COMMITTEE

Approved by Council	**Date: April 23, 2019**
Revised by Council	**Date: October 27, 2020**
Revised by Council	**Date: *June 13, 2023***

Applicable Provincial Legislation: Weed Control Act
Agricultural Pests Act

Purpose of Policy

To appoint an independent *Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pest Act Appeal* Committee annually, pursuant to the Weed Control Act, and the Agricultural Pests Act.

Purpose:

To hear and determine appeals brought forward to the MD by recipients of notices issued under the aforementioned acts.

Application of this Policy:

The committee will be comprised of three members, with membership encompassing Council members not sitting on Agricultural Service Board, members at large or a combination of both.

Applications will be advertised through local media and/or MD website. Committee members will be appointed annually at the Organizational Meeting of Council.

Remuneration will be paid to members according to the C-CO-01, Council Remuneration and Expenses Policy.

Rick Lemire
Reeve

Roland Milligan
Chief Administrative Officer

M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

CORPORATE POLICY

C-AES-006

TITLE: AGRICULTURAL PESTS POLICY

Approved by Council	Date: May 23, 2017
Revised by Council	Date: *January 12, 2021*

Related Provincial Legislation: *Agricultural Service Board Act*
Agricultural Pests Act and the *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation*

Related Federal Legislation: *Pest Control Products Act*

Purpose:

The Agricultural Service Board is committed to assisting residents in mitigating conflict with crop and wildlife *Pests* or *Nuisances,* as identified by the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act.* Changes in management practices are the preferred method to discourage the damage and/or establishment of these animals, insects or pathogens. When necessary and appropriate, however, other strategies for control will be considered.

Conflict involving all other categories of wildlife will be assigned to Alberta Fish and Wildlife.

Problem Wildlife Management:

AES Department staff, in cooperation with local Fish and Wildlife, will investigate livestock losses or harassment as well as crop, stored grain or water, and property damage due to problem wildlife.

AES Staff will:

- Provide information to residents on control and mitigation of coyotes
- When deemed absolutely necessary, and under the guidelines of the *Pest Control Products Act,* provide the lethal toxicant Compound 1080.
- Provide information to residents on control and mitigation of Richardson Ground Squirrels
- When deemed absolutely necessary, and under the guidelines of the *Pest Control Products Act,* provide the lethal toxicant 2% liquid strychnine to producers dealing with an infestation of Richardson's ground squirrel (until March 4 of 2022)
- Lethal toxins are a last resort and will be administered under the guidelines of the *Pest Control Products Act.* AES Department Staff will acquire and maintain a Form 7 Certification for these purposes.
- Communicate with Alberta Fish and Wildlife for all matters concerning large carnivores other than coyotes.

TITLE: AGRICULTURAL PESTS POLICY

Approved by Council	Date: May 23, 2017
Revised by Council	Date: *January 12, 2021*

- Assist residents with information and resources to mitigate large carnivore issues
- Assist with the management and administration of the 'Deadstock Program' to lower the risk of large carnivore conflicts. Current program is in conjunction with the Waterton Biosphere Reserve's Carnivores and Communities Program (CACP).

For other problem wildlife, both under the Act and other, AES Staff will assist or provide;

- Rental of skunk-traps
- Problem bird control traps
- Spread awareness of, inspect for and help eradicate Norway rats
- Provide producers with information on minimizing the effects of Pests and Nuisances as outlined in the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act*, as well as beavers, muskrats, badgers, other nuisance birds.

Surveys:

AES, in cooperation with the Province and/or Federal Government, will monitor for all *Pests* and *Nuisances* (listed in Appendix), in accordance with the *Agricultural Pests Act & Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation*. Regular *Pest* and *Nuisance* surveys done under the Act, both provincially and locally, are; Clubroot, Blackleg and Grasshoppers.
AES Staff assist with annual survey data to Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AAF) on pests that are of concern to producers in our municipality and to our ASB, and as much as possible, the province, for example; Cutworms, Bertha Armyworm and Wheat Midge.

Awareness & Education:

Accomplished through direct resident contact in the field, information meetings, the media, web site, newsletter, email distribution list, and by working with other community groups and stakeholders. The ASB, through the Agricultural and Environmental Services (AES) Department, also coordinates with AAF, Fish and Wildlife, Alberta Environment and Parks and other relevant stakeholders for all of the above.

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TITLE: AGRICULTURAL PESTS POLICY

Approved by Council	Date: May 23, 2017
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APPENDIX

Schedule 1

Part 1

Animals, birds, insects, plants and diseases declared to be Pests throughout Alberta

Africanized bee — *Apis mellifera adansonii*
Bacterial ring rot — *Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *sepedonicus*
Blackleg of canola — *Leptosphaeria maculans*
Chalkbrood — *Ascosphaere aggregata*
Clubroot — *Plasmodiophora brassicae*
Columbia River root knot nematode — *Meloidogyne chitwoodi*
Dutch elm disease — *Ophiostoma ulmi* and *Ophiostoma nova-ulmi*
Dwarf bunt — *Tilletia controversa*
European elm bark beetle — *Scolytus multistriatus*
Fireblight and the causal bacterium — *Erwinia amylovora*
Flag smut of cereals — *Urocystis agropyri*
Golden nematode — *Globodera rostochiensis*
Grasshopper (*Locustidae*)
Gypsy moth — *Lymantria dispar*
Head smut of corn — *Spacelothecia reiliana*
Karnal bunt — *Tilletia indica*
Lesser grain borer — *Rhyzopertha dominica*
Native elm bark beetle — Hylurgopinus rufipes
Norway rat and any other rat species or strain derived from the genus *Rattus*
Potato wart — *Synchytrium endobioticum*
Rabies — *Rhabdoviruses*
Stem and bulb nematode — *Ditylenchus dipsaci*
Warble fly — *Hypoderma*
White rot of onions — *Sclerotium cepivorum*

TITLE: AGRICULTURAL PESTS POLICY

Approved by Council	Date: May 23, 2017
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Part 2

Animals, birds, insects, plants and diseases declared to be Nuisances throughout Alberta

Bushy-tailed wood rat — *Neotoma cinerea*
Columbian ground squirrel — *Spermophilus columbianus*
Coyote — *Canis latrans*
Deer mouse — *Peromyscus maniculatus*
English sparrow — *Passer domesticus*
European starling — *Sturnus vulgaris*
Franklin's ground squirrel — *Spermophilus franklinii*
House mouse — *Mus musculus*
Magpie — *Pica pica*
Meadow vole — *Microtus pennsylvanicus*
Northern pocket gopher — *Thomomys talpoides*
Richardson's ground squirrel — *Spermophilus richardsonii*
Rock dove — *Columba livia*
Skunk — *Mephitis mephitis*
Thirteen-lined ground squirrel — *Spermophilus tridecemlineatus*

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M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

CORPORATE POLICY

C-AES-007

TITLE: SOIL CONSERVATION ACT APPEAL COMMITTEE

Approved by Council **Date: June 13, 2023**

Applicable Provincial Legislation: Soil Conservation Act

Purpose of Policy

To appoint an independent Soil Conservation Act Appeal Committee annually, pursuant to the Soil Conservation Act.

Purpose:

To hear and determine appeals brought forward to the MD by recipients of notices issued under the aforementioned acts.

Application of this Policy:

The committee will be comprised of three members, with membership encompassing Council members not sitting on Agricultural Service Board, members at large or a combination of both.

Applications will be advertised through local media and/or MD website. Committee members will be appointed annually at the Organizational Meeting of Council.

Remuneration will be paid to members according to the C-CO-01, Council Remuneration and Expenses Policy.

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Chief Administrative Officer

M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

CORPORATE POLICY

C-AES-605

TITLE: LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Approved by Council	Date: March 25, 1997
Revised by Council	Date: March 11, 2014
Revised by Council	Date: *March 28, 2017*

Related Legislation *Alberta Animal Health Act and Regulations*

Purpose:

The Agricultural and Environmental Services Department is committed to providing service to the local livestock industry through the provision of specialized equipment rentals and signage, by working with officials from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AAF) *and local veterinarians* to facilitate the prevention and control of livestock disease, and by facilitating access to the latest innovations, technologies, and experts in the livestock industry.

Enforcement:

Under the direction of AAF, the Department assists in facilitating prevention and control of certain livestock diseases and selected pests if the need for such measures arise.

Livestock Equipment:

The Municipal District makes specialized portable handling equipment available to livestock producers on a cost recovery rental basis. *Rentals are arranged at the discretion of department staff and are subject to:*

- *The Renter owns land within the Municipal District of Pincher Creek*
- *The Renter has acknowledged and agreed to operate the equipment within the guidelines described by the manufacturer*
- *The Renter has signed and dates a waiver/rental agreement*
- *The Renter is in good standing with the Municipal District of Pincher Creek regarding Policy 5.3.2.2 – FINANCIAL – Revenue – Fees and Charges – Accounts Receivable*

Current equipment is as follows:

- Livestock Weighing Scale (Electronic)
- Livestock Loading Chute
- Livestock Corral Panels
- Livestock Squeeze
- *Livestock Hoof-Trimming Table*

TITLE: LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

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- *Solar Power Water Trough*
- *Solar Power Electric Fence Unit*

Awareness & Education:

Accomplished through extension initiatives aimed at increasing the awareness of and promoting best management practices. This objective may manifest as printed/electronic publications, workshops, annual open house and availability of department staff for direct contact with residents.

Cattle Drive Signs:

Cattle Drive signs are provided free of charge to producers moving livestock on or across Municipal District or Provincial roads. Aims to improve safety for livestock, ranchers, and motorists during this common chore.

Agricultural and Environmental Services

Products

Herbicide	Premix 2,4D/Banvel	$10.00 10L Jug *
		*Chemicals will be sold to MD residents only

Rentals

Live Skunk Traps

Returned Within a Month	No Charge
Returned After One Month	$60.00 each

Livestock Equipment *Weekend Considered as One Day

Electronic Scale	$40.00 day plus $60.00 Damage Deposit **
Loading Chute	$40.00 day plus $60.00 Damage Deposit **
Panels	$40.00 day plus $60.00 Damage Deposit **
Squeeze	$40.00 day plus $60.00 Damage Deposit **
Solar Watering System	$150.00 per two-weeks plus $150.00 Damage Deposit**
Electric Fencing Unit	$150.00 per two-weeks plus $150.00 Damage Deposit**

Services

Weed Spraying Equipment and Operator

Mule (side by side UTV)	$200.00 pr/hr
Quad (ATV)	$200.00 *when spraying
	$100.00 *when picking
Roadside Sprayer	$200.00 pr/hr
Small Boom Truck	$200.00 pr/hr
Truck and Spot Sprayer	$200.00 pr/hr

For this report, I'm going to go with the major projects being covered in these three months, with May being very similar to any other May with training, safety and orientation of new crew as well as getting them working.

March 2026

- March 2 – 31, interviews and resumes for all AES positions being hired
- March 2 – April 30, soil erosion inspections, trips, enforcement and actions
- March 2 – April 30, resumes and interviews for summer staff
- March 2 – April 30, strategic plan when able
- March 2 – April 30, working with AAF to get mapping and records for Weed Control Act compliance, early scouting for areas outside of cell reception
- March 2 – April 30, OHS inspections and responses to inspection results (with Michelle our Safety Consultant)
- March 2 – April 30, deadstock bin signage and compliance by users, CFIA permits, information distribution about changes
- March 2 – April 30, hiring & onboarding of new Assistant Ag Fieldman (AAF), Ayla Peacock

- March 2, 3, move deadstock bins
- March 4, ASB meeting
- March 5, review resumes for summer staff
- March 9 – 11, interviews for summer staff
- March 11, JHSC meeting
- March 20, orientation for new Assistant AES Manager Ayla Peacock
- March 23, Ayla official start date

April 2026

- April 7 – 30, prep of machinery, shop & equipment with two six month crew members
- April 7 – 30, inspections and setting up compliance & reporting with dams, calls with users, updating emergency (and user) list for Foothills and Indianfarm watersheds
- April 7 – 30, Strychnine information, training, and compliance issues with the Province and Feds so that we can get a new emergency registration

- April 1, PW Safety Meeting
- April 3, Good Friday STAT
- April 6, Easter Monday STAT
- April 7, six month positions start, orientation
- April 8, Ayla off to Norway
- April 21, Ayla back from Norway
- April 22, Volunteer Appreciation day
- April 23, ALUS meeting
- April 24, Trade Show set up
- April 27, trade show take down

- April 28, Day of Mourning
- April 29, Blueweed non-compliance calls & letters, Spotted Knapweed non-compliance calls & letters
- April 30, ASB Agenda

May 2026

- May 4 – 29, training and orientation of crews
- May 4 – 29, mowing of Hamlets, Admin lawn and Airport
- May 4 – 29, spraying of weeds on municipal land
- May 4 – 29, calling, writing and notices for weeds (Knapweed and Blueweed to start) on Public and Private land
- May 4 – 29, mapping and record keeping of all significant infestations of all weeds in the municipality for future enforcement
- May 4 – 29, organizing with landowners and water users on Foothills and Indianfarm creeks, setting up meetings and monitoring
- May 4 – 29, more Strychnine meetings and training, potentially for us and for farmers

- May 1, Day off
- May 4, first day and orientation of summer crew
- May 5, Hearing test
- May 6, ASB meeting
- May 11, ATV/UTV training
- May 12, herbicide training (Corteva sponsored)
- May 14, First Aid
- May 18, STAT
- May 20, Authorized Assistant training
- May 25, Bear Smart training
- May 29, Conflict Resolution training
- June 1, go to 10 hour days

Sincerely,
Ag Fieldman, Shane Poulsen

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John Barlow
Member of Parliament
Foothills

April 2nd, 2026

Dear Members of the Agriculture Service Boards,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your commitment and tireless advocacy in support of Western Canadian farmers and ranchers. Your dedicated efforts were instrumental in securing the Liberal government's approval for the emergency use of strychnine as an essential tool for prairie agricultural operations.

The Agriculture Service Boards across Alberta and Saskatchewan demonstrated exceptional leadership by providing important evidence and comprehensive data that clearly established strychnine as an essential tool for our farming communities.

Your advocacy provided the evidence needed to support Western Canadian agriculture.

I look forward to continuing our collaboration as we work together to support the vital interests of our farming and ranching communities.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events – Connect, Learn, and Be Inspired!

March 13 - Peer Support in Agriculture Webinar
Join us for an interactive session focused on **building connection, resilience, and wellbeing** in farming communities. Learn practical strategies for peer support, hear real experiences from agricultural professionals, and connect with others who understand the unique challenges of farm life. See full details and register here.

Deep Rooted – Virtual Documentary Screening & Resource Session
Experience *Deep Rooted*, a 33-minute documentary highlighting stories of resilience, innovation, and community in agriculture. Following the screening, we'll offer a resource session to explore the themes further and discuss tools and supports to have for your own communities. Taking place:

March 24
Based on the West coast? Join us at 11am PST
Based in the Prairies? Join us at 12pm CST or 1pm CDT (Manitoba)
Based in Eastern Canada? Join us 2:00pm EST / 3:00pm AST

March 26 (early screening)
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March 26 (later screening)
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Based in Eastern Canada? Join us 7:30pm EST / 8:30pm AST

New Podcast Episode Out Now

Hay Are We Okay?* — Episode Six | *Why Is That Tree Blue?

In this episode, host Merle Massie chats with Kendall Whyte, founder of the Blue Tree Project. What started as a playful prank on a sheep farm has grown into a powerful symbol for mental health in rural and remote communities worldwide. Learn how the simple act of painting a tree blue sparks honest conversations, raises awareness, and turns grief into hope.

Many thanks to our sponsor: **AGCO Agriculture Foundation**

Bonus content: we're showcasing stories from farms across Canada on the theme of, what do you do on your farm, just for fun? Have you created something on the farm for this purpose? Do you host community events or gatherings? Send us a voice recording telling us your story to **feedback@domore.ag**

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Join Our Board – Make a Difference in Agriculture!

We're looking for **board members** and **facilitators** to support farmers and ag communities across Canada.

- **Board Members:** Help guide our mission and strengthen agricultural communities. Applications are now open! See full details and apply here.
- **Facilitators:** Lead our Talk Ask Listen workshops to build mental health literacy. We're especially seeking facilitators in BC, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, and the Atlantic provinces. See full details here (scroll down).

Share a Recipe, Support Mental Health in Agriculture

CORR Grain is proud to present the **CORR Community Cookbook**, with all net proceeds donated to **The Do More Agriculture Foundation**. The Cookbook celebrates farm kitchens, favourite recipes, and stories. From cherished family dishes to meals shared after long days in the field, this project highlights the culture and connection that fuel our agricultural community.

Get involved: contribute a recipe, share your story, and help strengthen support for mental health in rural Canada. **100% of net proceeds** support Do More Ag's initiatives. **Submit by March 18th!** Learn more and contribute your recipe.

The 3rd National Survey Farmer & Rancher Mental Health Open Now

Are you a farmer or rancher in Canada? Please complete this survey!

The University of Guelph, in collaboration with the Canadian Centre for Agricultural Wellbeing (CCAW), has launched the 3rd National Survey of Farmer and Rancher Mental Health in Canada.

They’re looking for farmers and ranchers from all regions and commodities to share their experiences with stress, anxiety, depression, burnout, resilience, and coping. Your responses will help track trends since 2016 and 2021 and guide future research, programs, and policy. **Participate now and help shape the future of mental health in Canadian agriculture!**

Complete the survey

Grief After Suicide Support Group – Free for Farmers

Starting **March 11**, the National Farmer Mental Health Alliance, supported by The Do More Agriculture Foundation and Three Oaks Cabin, is hosting a **virtual support group** for those in agriculture who have lost a loved one to suicide. This includes weekly, 1-hour sessions | Small group (max 8) | Led by a trained therapist.
Free to join – limited spaces. Sign up here.

Meet Do More Ag at Upcoming Events!

Our Executive Director, Merle Massie, will be speaking at **Canada's Farm Show Regina** (March 17–19) on March 19 at 2:15pm local time, where we'll be sharing mental health resources and engaging with farmers as they prepare for the season ahead. Find our resources at the The Canadian Centre for Rural and Agricultural Health (CCRAH) booth and read the press release.

Also, our Partnership Manager **Kaitlyn Kitzan** will be attending the **Grain Farmers of Ontario March Classic** on March 24 in Niagara Falls — a great opportunity to connect, learn, and share ideas with grain industry leaders.

Other Dates to Note This Month

March 8 – International Women's Day
A time to recognize the leadership, resilience, and contributions of women across agriculture and rural communities.

March 15–21 – Canadian Agricultural Safety Week
Led by Canadian Agricultural Safety Association, this national campaign promotes safe farming practices and conversations about wellbeing on the farm. Learn more.

March 20 – Spring Equinox
The official start of spring — and the beginning of a busy season for many farmers across Canada.

UPCOMING WEBINARS AND EVENTS

PEER SUPPORT IN AGRICULTURE: BUILDING CONNECTION, RESILIENCE, AND WELLBEING IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

March 13 | Virtual

1pm EDT / 12pm CDT / 11am CST / 10am PDT

Rural communities face unique mental health pressures — making peer support essential. Join Merle Massie and a panel of advocates to explore how peer support strengthens agriculture and gain practical tools to build connection and resilience in your community. Register at domore.ag/events

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DEEP ROOTED SCREENINGS

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Three public virtual screenings of Deep Rooted

March 24, 2026

Two on March 26, 2026

Deep Rooted tells the human story behind farming, giving voice to the mental health realities too often carried in silence by agriculture producers.

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In the News

- We were pleased to see Do More Ag's work highlighted over this past month! Our Executive Director, **Merle Massie**, spoke with CBC News discussed the mental health realities faced by Canadian farmers — including long hours, financial pressures, and succession challenges — and the importance of **agriculture-specific, accessible supports** in rural communities.

- Merle was also featured on the **Farm to Food podcast**, exploring how farmers navigate stressors such as isolation, climate uncertainty, and family responsibilities, and the ways tailored support can help foster resilience and wellbeing in agricultural communities.

- A recent **Wellington Advertiser** opinion piece explored how climate-related extreme weather events are impacting farmers' wellbeing and highlighted the resources available through The Do More Agriculture Foundation to support rural communities.

- As farmers prepare for the busy season ahead, our co-founder **Lesley Kelly** shares practical tips for protecting mental well-being during one of the most demanding times of year. In a recent article for the *Prince Albert Daily Herald*, Lesley encourages farmers to prioritize sleep, stay active, connect with others, and set realistic goals as they head into spring. The piece also reminds readers that caring for mental health is just as important as caring for the land.

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Reminder: Apply by April 30 — Community Fund for Mental Health

Applications for the 2026 Community Fund for Mental Health, supported by Farm Credit Canada, are open and we encourage rural and agricultural communities across Canada to **apply before the April 30 deadline**. The fund supports local non-profit groups and community organizations to host *Talk Ask Listen*, our mental health workshop designed to build confidence, strengthen connections, and support wellbeing at the community level. If your community has been considering bringing these conversations forward, **now is the time to apply.**

Learn more and apply here

2025 Impact Report: Building Connection Across Canadian Agriculture

We’re proud to share our 2025 Impact Report, highlighting a year of continued growth, strengthened partnerships, and meaningful impact across agricultural communities in Canada. From expanding the Community Fund and launching new initiatives like the *Hay Are We Okay?* podcast to increasing access to workshops, peer support, and mental health resources, this past year reflects a growing movement toward connection, conversation, and support in agriculture. At its core, the report reinforces a simple but powerful idea: meaningful change often begins with a single conversation.

Read our 2025 Impact Report

New Podcast Episode Out Now

Hay Are We Okay?* — Episode Seven | *Be Kind, Be Brave: Small Town Teens Tackle Stigma

In this episode, host Merle Massie connects with student leaders at Queen Margaret's School on Vancouver Island who are helping shift their school culture through the Stigma-Free Club — creating space for connection, inclusion, and open conversations about mental health. Alongside insights from Andrea Paquette of the Stigma-Free Mental Health Society, the episode highlights how youth-led initiatives, supported by practical tools for students, parents, and educators, are challenging stigma and showing that meaningful change can start with small, courageous actions.

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Bonus content: we're showcasing stories from across Canada on the theme of, what do you do on your farm or ranch, just for fun? Maybe you fix up tractors, do pottery, host dances in your barn, set up your dugout as a local swimming hole, invite friends to camp in the back forty. What do you do for fun on your farm or ranch? Send us a voice recording telling us your story to **feedback@domore.ag**

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Journey 5km: Taking Steps for Mental Health in Agriculture - April 20-26

Led by WinField United Canada, Journey 5km returns as a meaningful way to come together in support of mental wellbeing in agriculture. As seeding season approaches and pressures begin to build, this virtual event offers a simple but powerful opportunity to check in with yourself and those around you — whether you're walking the yard, running the road, or connecting within your community. Now in its fifth year, Journey 5km has raised over $70,000 in support of The Do More Agriculture Foundation, helping spark important conversations and strengthen connection across Canadian agriculture. Join us in taking positive steps forward — together.

Working Together for Farmer Mental Health

We're proud to collaborate with the **National Farmer Mental Health Alliance (NFMHA)** in a spirit of shared purpose—lifting each other's work up and supporting farmer mental health across Canada.

NFMHA provides counselling services to farmers and their families, trains therapists in **Agriculture Informed Therapy™**, offers workshops, and develops resources designed specifically for farming communities. Their work makes a meaningful difference every day.

There's room at the table for all of us working toward the same goal: helping farmers and those in agriculture thrive. When organizations collaborate, the entire agricultural community benefits.

We're grateful to work alongside NFMHA and encourage you to learn more about their services and resources at nfmha.ca

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Research Study: Supporting Farmer Wellness in Manitoba

A new Manitoba-based research project is inviting farmers and agricultural service providers to share their experiences as part of a province-wide study on farmer wellness. Led by the Centre for Critical Studies of Rural Mental Health at Brandon University, the project takes a strengths-based approach, focusing on what's working to support mental health in agriculture. Participants will help inform future tools and resources aimed at strengthening wellbeing across the sector. To seek more info see the 'Get Involved' section and QR code in the above graphic.

Merle Massie Joins Global Farmer Network Cohort

We're pleased to share that The Do More Agriculture Foundation's Executive Director, Merle Massie, has been welcomed into the newest Global Farmer Network (GFN) cohort. The GFN brings together farmers and agricultural leaders from around the world to connect, collaborate, and amplify farmer voices on the issues shaping agriculture today. As part of this cohort, Merle will participate in the Brazil Roundtable later this month, joining a dynamic group of leaders working to strengthen food systems both locally and globally. We're proud to see her representing Canadian agriculture on this global stage. Learn more about GFN.

Other Updates

Podcast Features - Mental Health in Agriculture

Merle Massie continues to advance important conversations on mental health in agriculture through recent podcast features. On the *Farm Family Harmony* podcast episode with Elaine Froese, she speaks to resilience and supporting wellbeing within farming families and communities, and on the *Impact Farming Show* podcast with Tracy Brunet, she discusses the pressures farmers face, ongoing stigma, and the importance of open dialogue.

In addition, Do More Ag co-founder and board member Lesley Kelly was recently featured on Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's *The First Sixteen* podcast, where she shared her journey and encouraged young women to pursue opportunities in agriculture — no matter where they're starting from. Her piece on understanding stigma in farming and mental health was also published in the latest edition of *Women in Ag Magazine*, further amplifying the conversation across the sector. Together, these conversations help to elevate mental health as a priority across Canadian agriculture.

Did you miss our Peer Support webinar last month?
No fret, tune in here and hear from our guests, Lee Swain of Togetherall, Andrea Paquette of Stigma Free Mental Health Society and Doreen Blumhagen, farmer and experienced peer supporter. Be sure to check out our latest blog post, *From Isolation to Connection: The Role of Peer Support in Agriculture,* for additional takeaways.

Event Recaps: Farmer Mental Health in Focus Across the Sector
In March, Executive Director Merle Massie attended Canada's Farm Show in Regina, where farmer mental health took centre stage across conversations, media, and announcements. Merle shared insights from AgTalk on the Launch Pad stage, highlighting the power of connection—and growing momentum for more proactive support in agriculture.

Later in the month, Partnership Manager Kaitlyn Kitzan represented Do More Ag at the Grain Farmers of Ontario March Classic, connecting with partners and industry leaders. A clear message emerged: while markets, technology, and policy are top of mind, agriculture is ultimately built on people and families.

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April 29-May 1 — Mental Health on the Prairies Conference
Hosted by Brandon University, the Mental Health on the Prairies (MHP) conference brings together researchers, practitioners, community organizations, and individuals with lived experience to explore mental health and wellness across the Prairies. Taking place April 29–May 1, this event focuses on knowledge sharing, community dialogue, and advancing practical solutions to support mental wellbeing in rural and agricultural communities. Learn more and register here.

May 4-10 – Canadian Mental Health Week - Come Together
Led by the Canadian Mental Health Association, Canadian Mental Health Week is a national campaign dedicated to raising awareness and encouraging open conversations about mental health. With this year's theme, *Come Together*, it's an opportunity to reflect on the importance of connection and support in our communities, including across agriculture and rural Canada. Learn more at mentalhealthweek.ca.

May 19 - How to Do More: Empowering Community Leaders
Join us for a virtual session designed to support community leaders and champions looking to bring mental health conversations to life locally. This one-hour session, led by Do More Ag staff, will walk through how to plan and host a community workshop, share practical tips and best practices, and provide space to ask questions and connect with others. Whether you're applying to the Community Fund or simply looking to make an impact in your community, this session is a great place to start.

See full details and register here

In the News

- Over the past month, the launch of the 2026 Community Fund for Mental Health has generated strong national and regional media interest, with features in many outlets across Canada. Highlights include coverage from *The Western Producer*, among many other regional outlets, along with broadcast interviews on CFQC and 620 CKRM.

- Separately, CTV News Saskatoon highlighted discussions around mental health in agriculture at Canada's Farm Show, reinforcing the growing importance of this topic across the sector.

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Building Momentum

There is a lot happening across Alberta's agritourism community. As we prepare for our upcoming Annual Conference and Trade Show, AFFPA is also continuing its **Let's Talk Agritourism Town Halls**, creating space for producers, partners, and communities to share ideas and shape the future of the industry together.

In this edition of The Voice of Agritourism, you'll find updates on the conference, the Awards of Excellence, our Annual General Meeting, and opportunities to connect with the growing network of farms and organizations helping agritourism flourish in Alberta.

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The 2026 **Organic Alberta** Conference & Trade Show, in partnership with the **Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association**, is just around the corner.

Join producers, researchers, and industry leaders on March 13–14 in Beaumont for two days of inspiring conversations, practical learning, and meaningful connections across Alberta's agriculture and agritourism sectors.

From expert panels and hands-on workshops to the trade show and more, this event brings together the people shaping the future of local food and farming.

Register Here! **View Program Here!**

A special thank you to the Beaumont & District Agricultural Society

A heartfelt thank you to the **Beaumont & District Agricultural Society** for their incredible support of this year's conference. Behind every successful community event are the people who quietly step in, roll up their sleeves, and make it all happen and the volunteers from the Beaumont & District Agricultural Society are doing exactly that. As a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to strengthening community life through agriculture, education, and nature-based experiences, their work helps connect people to the land and to each other. We are deeply grateful for their generosity, their time, and their community spirit.

We invite you to learn more about their inspiring work by visiting **their website** and following them on **Facebook** using the links below.

Celebrating Excellence

The finalists for the 2026 AFFPA Awards of Excellence have been selected, and the winners are now locked in.

All nominees will be notified directly, but the big reveal will happen live during the **Awards of Excellence Ceremony on March 13 at 5:45 p.m. in the Main Hall** at the **Beaumont Community Centre.**

Join us as we celebrate the farms, innovators, and leaders who are helping shape the future of agritourism in Alberta. If you'd like to attend this special evening event, please **contact us** for more information.

Annual General Meeting

The Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association Annual General Meeting will take place on **Friday, March 13 at 4:30 p.m.** at the **Beaumont Community Centre**. This is an opportunity for members to come together, reflect on the past year, and help shape the next chapter of agritourism in Alberta. All members are warmly encouraged to attend and take part in the conversation. If you are not yet a member but are curious about the work AFFPA is doing and would like to be part of the growing agritourism movement, we would be delighted to welcome you. Attendance is free, but please register in advance using the form linked below.

AGM Registration

Let's Talk Agritourism... the gamechanger at Prairie Gardens

On February 27, 2026, producers, tourism leaders, and community partners gathered at **Prairie Gardens** in Bon Accord for the 2nd Annual Gamechanger Agritourism Town Hall. The event was hosted by Tam Andersen of Prairie Gardens and organized in collaboration with **Strong Coffee Marketing**, **Go East of Edmonton**, **ClearThink Group™**, and the Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association (AFFPA).

From the moment guests arrived, the atmosphere reflected what agritourism does best: bringing people together around food, ideas, and shared purpose.

The day began with coffee, scones, and informal networking as participants checked in and browsed vendor displays from **Pottery by Heather**, **Reveresque** Wines, and **Aurora Alpacas**. Farmers, tourism operators, municipal representatives, and destination marketing organizations quickly filled the space with conversation and curiosity.

The morning program opened with welcoming remarks before transitioning into a networking roundtable where attendees introduced themselves, their businesses, and what brought them to the event. The mix of perspectives created a lively exchange of ideas and highlighted just how diverse Alberta's agritourism ecosystem is becoming.

Participants then heard regional updates from industry partners before diving into...

Full Article Here

Become a Member

If you believe in the future of Agritourism in Alberta, this is the moment to be part of it. The Alberta Farm Fresh Producers Association is building a stronger network for farms, rural businesses, and communities who believe in local food, authentic farm experiences, and a thriving agricultural economy.

By becoming a Farm Member or Commercial Member, you're not just joining an association, you're helping grow a movement that supports producers across the province. Click the link below to learn more and become part of what we're building together.

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Municipalities and Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation remain responsible for inspection and enforcement under the *Agricultural Pests Act* and the *Weed Control Act*. Landowners and other members of the public should contact their local municipality regarding concerns about weeds or agricultural pests. Municipalities are the appropriate first point of contact.
The AER may become involved when municipal or Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation enforcement tools have failed to resolve a compliance issue concerning weeds and pests linked to an AER-regulated site.
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Agricultural Moisture Situation Update
April 24, 2026

Precipitation

Over the past 30 days, most agricultural areas across the province have received less than 20 mm of precipitation (**Map 1**). A corridor of higher precipitation, ranging from 25 to 50 mm, occurred across the Central Region, extending from Rocky View and Foothills Counties northeast through Wheatland to Special Areas No. 3 and No. 4 and Acadia.

Elevated precipitation was also observed in parts of the North West and North East Regions. Higher precipitation, generally between 30 and 60 mm (**Map 1**), fell across the municipalities of Greenview northeast through Big Lakes and Lesser Slave River, then southeast through Athabasca and Lamont to Vermilion River and Bonnyville. Precipitation totals in these areas were above average for this 30-day period (**Map 2**).

In contrast, portions of South and Peace Regions, including Cardston, Warner, Forty Mile, Cypress, Grande Prairie, Smoky River, Birch Hills, Spirit River, Saddle Hills, Fairview, and Peace generally received less than 15 mm of precipitation (**Map 1**). These amounts were below average for this 30-day period (**Map 2**).

Cold-season precipitation has been moderately high to very high across much of the Peace, North East, and North West Regions compared with long-term normal (**Map 3**). Areas north of a line extending through the municipalities of Greenview, Woodlands, Barrhead, Sturgeon, Lamont, and Vermilion River have received approximately 130% to 250% of normal precipitation (**Map 4**), with cold-season totals exceeding 150 mm (**Map 5**).

Most of the Central Region, along with parts of Forty Mile and Cypress Counties, have experienced near-normal cold-season precipitation (**Map 3**). These areas have accumulated 70 to 100 mm, representing roughly 90% to 130% of normal (**Maps 4** and **5**).

Conversely, the lowest cold-season precipitation relative to normal has occurred across the municipalities of Clearwater, Ponoka, Leduc, Camrose, Flagstaff, Foothills, Willow Creek, Vulcan, Taber, Cardston, Lethbridge, Warner, Newell, and Cypress (**Map 3**). These areas have received less than 90% of normal precipitation (**Map 4**), with much of the South Region accumulating only 50% to 70% of normal, with some localized areas receiving less than 50%.

Looking ahead to May, forecasts indicate an increase in precipitation across Alberta. Historical patterns also show a notable rise in precipitation during this time of year (**Map 6**). If realized, upcoming moisture will support soil moisture recharge heading into spring.

Temperature

During the cold season, average daily temperatures in municipalities north of a line extending east from Greenview through Yellowhead, Parkland, Camrose, Flagstaff, and Vermilion River ranged from near-normal to moderately cooler than the long-term average (**Map 7**). Several municipalities within the Central Region also experienced near-normal cold-season average daily temperatures.

In contrast, municipalities along the mountains and foothills, as well as much of the Central and South Regions, experienced warm to very warm average daily temperatures relative to long-term normal during the cold season (**Map 7**).

The warmest average daily temperatures occurred along the mountains and foothills, extending from Yellowhead County south through Calgary, into the County of Willow Creek, and eastward toward Cypress County (**Map 7**).

Overall, the cold season was marked by significant temperature variability. Daily mean temperatures frequently shifted from approximately 10 °C below normal to 10 °C above normal within short timeframes. Average weekly temperatures over the past four weeks highlight a less pronounced variability across Alberta since March 25th (**Map 8**).

Snowpack

These pronounced temperature swings have contributed to substantial snowmelt across the province. Several areas have experienced periods of snow accumulation followed by rapid melt. In some locations, surface soils have thawed during warm periods when snow cover was absent.

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Most of the province has little to no snow cover, which is normal for this time of the year (**Map 9**). Snowpack accumulation on stubble fields, relative to normal, is highest in municipalities north of a line from Greenview east to St. Paul. In these areas, snowpack water equivalent exceeds 150% of normal (**Map 10**), indicating moderately to extremely above-normal accumulation.

Current forecasts indicate rain and snow over the next few days, meaning many areas are likely to see snow return to the ground, at least in the short term.

365-Day Precipitation Trends

Year-over-year conditions remain highly variable, with substantial precipitation deficits persisting across much of Alberta (**Map 11**). Across most of the Central, North East, North West, and Peace Regions, 365-day precipitation amounts range from moderately low to very low compared with long-term normal. Several areas including parts of the municipalities of Grande Prairie, Greenview, Northern Lights, Camrose, Flagstaff, Beaver, Wainwright, and Provost, are experiencing very to extremely low 365-day precipitation accumulations.

Soil Temperatures

Approximately 36 stations across Alberta have soil temperature sensors installed at 5 cm, 20 cm, 50 cm and 100 cm depths. Soil temperatures, at the 20 cm to 50 cm depth, increased to above zero in southern Alberta starting in mid-March. Soil temperatures, at this same depth interval, across central Alberta to Edmonton, began to move above zero around April 14th. Soil temperature north of Edmonton and into the Peace Region began to warm and move above zero around April 19th and 20th.

As soils thaw, moisture will begin to infiltrate, recharging soil moisture reserves.

Soil Moisture Reserves

Soil moisture reserves have changed since the previous report. Spring wheat soil moisture reserves, relative to long-term normal and assessed to a depth of 120 cm, have begun to improve in parts of the Central and South Regions. Improvements are estimated in some areas within the municipalities of Rocky View, Wheatland, Newell, Special Areas No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4, as well as Acadia, Vulcan, Lethbridge, Taber, and Cypress (**Map 12**).

Near-normal soil moisture reserves to a depth of 120 cm are currently estimated in several areas within the municipalities of Yellowhead, Brazeau, Rocky View, Wheatland, Starland, the Special Areas (No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4), Acadia, Vermilion River, Lamont, Two Hills, Wainwright, Willow Creek, and Warner. Improvements in these areas have occurred as soils thawed and recent precipitation was able to infiltrate the ground (**Map 12**).

Despite these localized improvements, soil moisture reserves across most of Alberta remain moderately to very low compared with long-term normal (Map 12). Conditions are estimated to have declined since the last report in municipalities along the southern border, around the Red Deer area, and north into the Peace Region. Soils in these areas have not been thawed for as long, limiting moisture infiltration to date.

In parts of the South, North West, North East, and Peace Regions, soil moisture reserves are estimated to be extremely low. In these areas, moisture levels at the 120 cm depth are approximately 25 mm to 75 mm below long-term normal (**Map 13**).

Perspective

Alberta's cold season is typically the driest time of year (**Map 6**), and even above-average precipitation during these months rarely makes up for year-to-date moisture deficits. In the Central Region, only about 15% of annual precipitation normally falls during winter, while the Peace Region receives closer to 25% of its annual total. From an agricultural perspective, May, June, and July are the most critical months for moisture, accounting for more than 50% of annual precipitation in the Central Region and at least 40% across much of the Peace Region (**Map 14**).

Warm and windy conditions this winter have likely increased moisture losses through evaporation and sublimation. Recent warm weather has also led to rapid snowmelt across much of Alberta, which may help recharge dugouts. However, frozen soils have limited soil moisture recharge. In areas south of Edmonton, surface soils have begun to thaw, and recent spring precipitation has resulted in some soil moisture replenishment.

Forecasts continue to suggest the potential for additional rain and/or snowfall. For now, patience remains important, with the hope that timely spring precipitation will help support the upcoming growing season.

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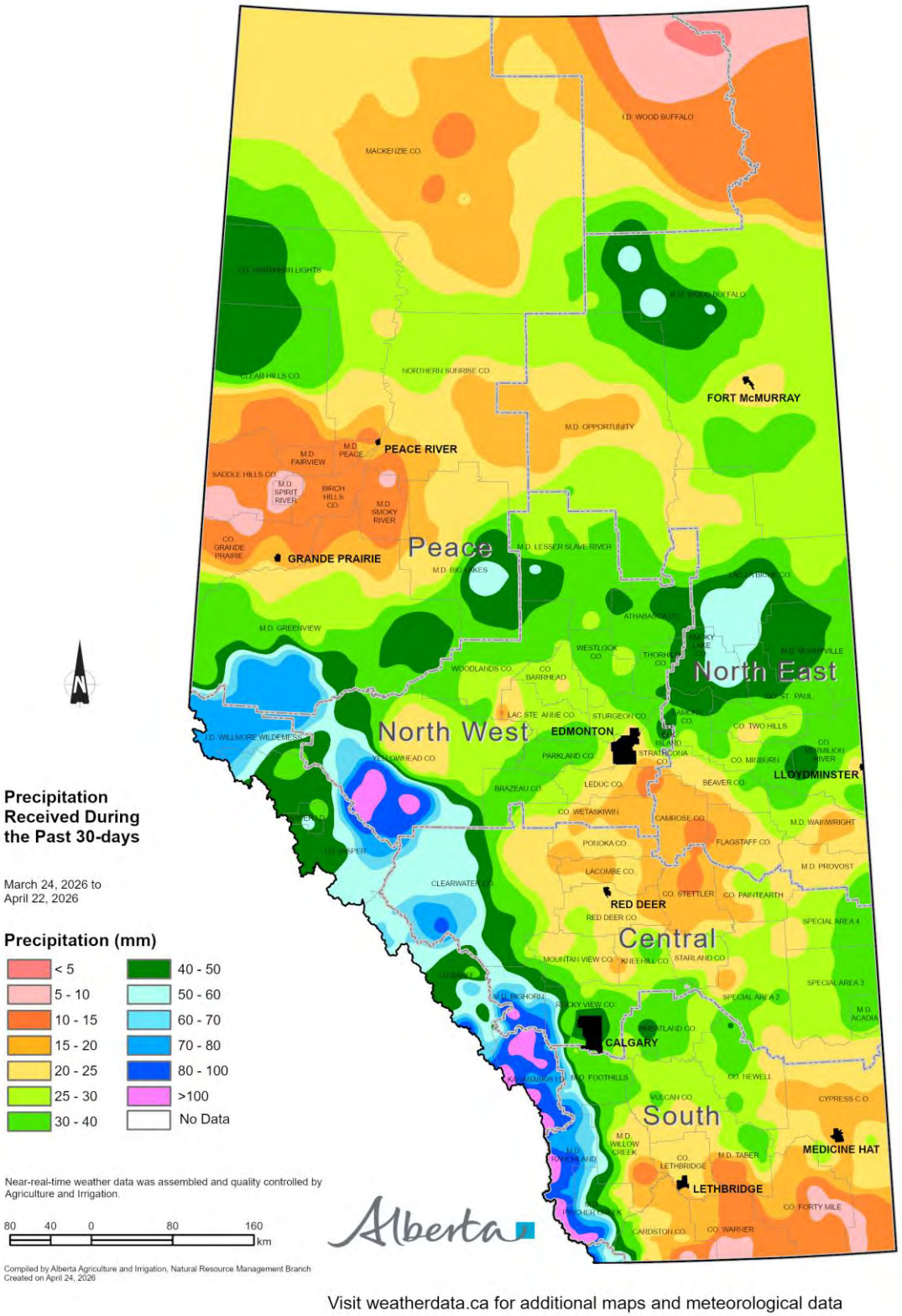

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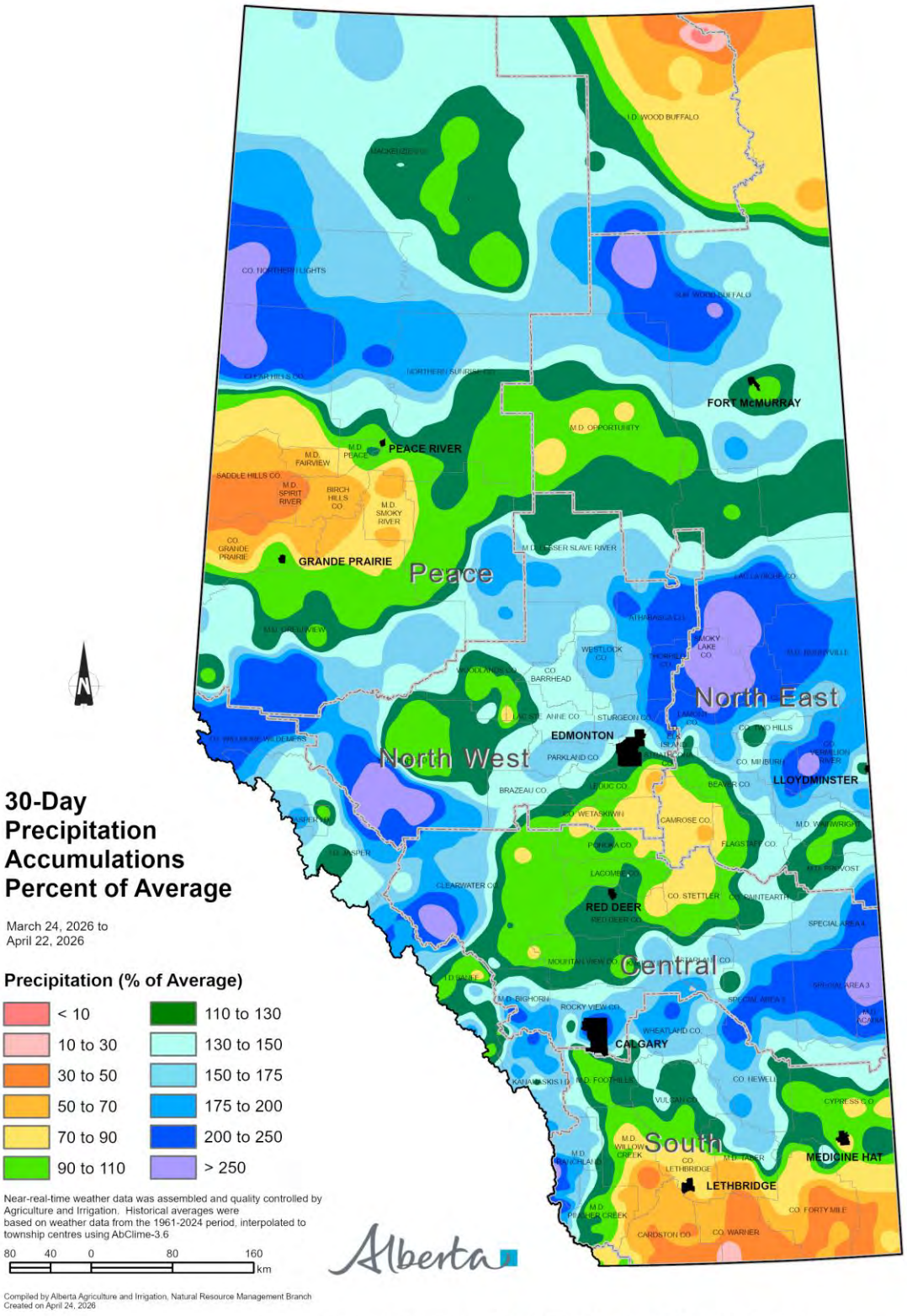

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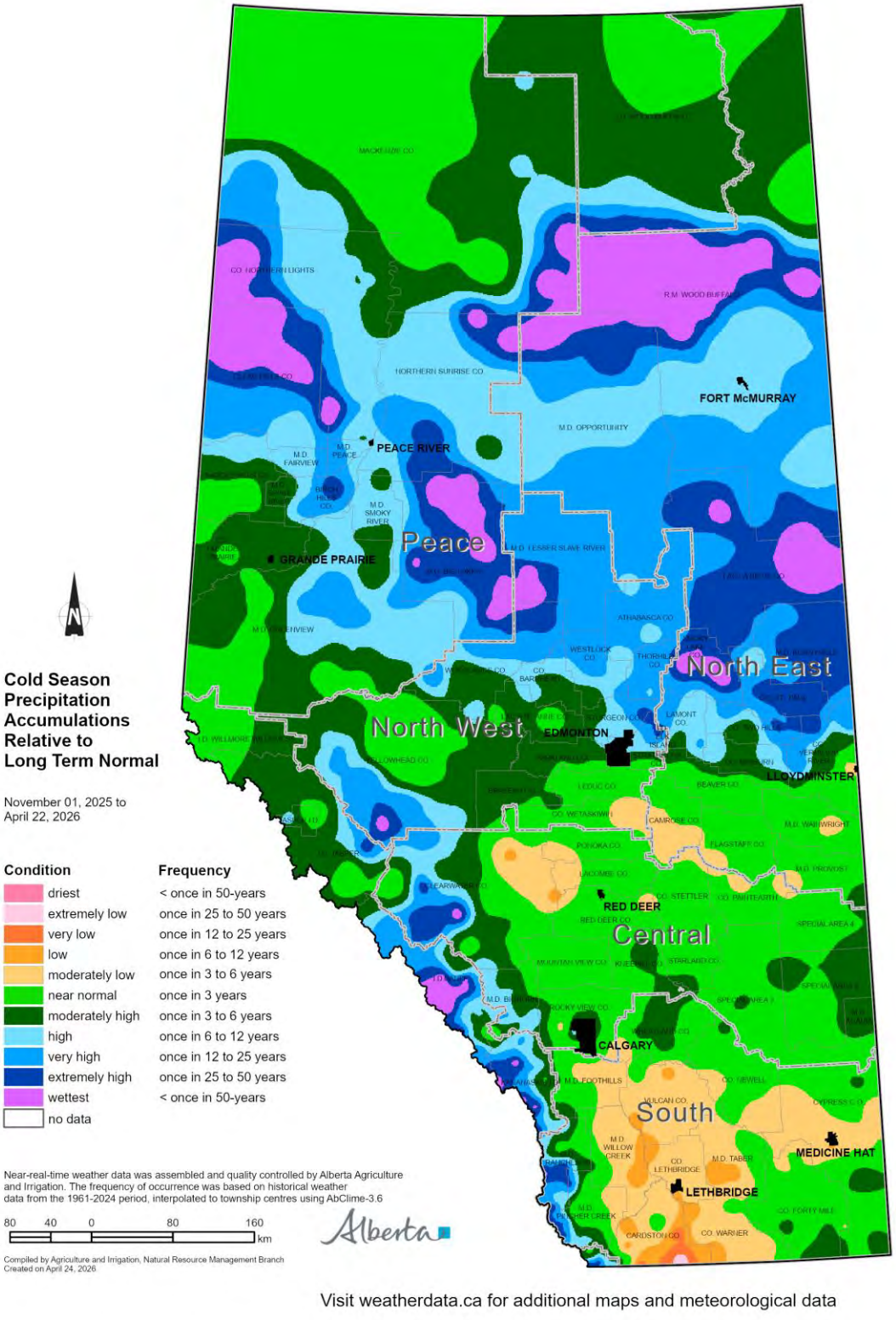

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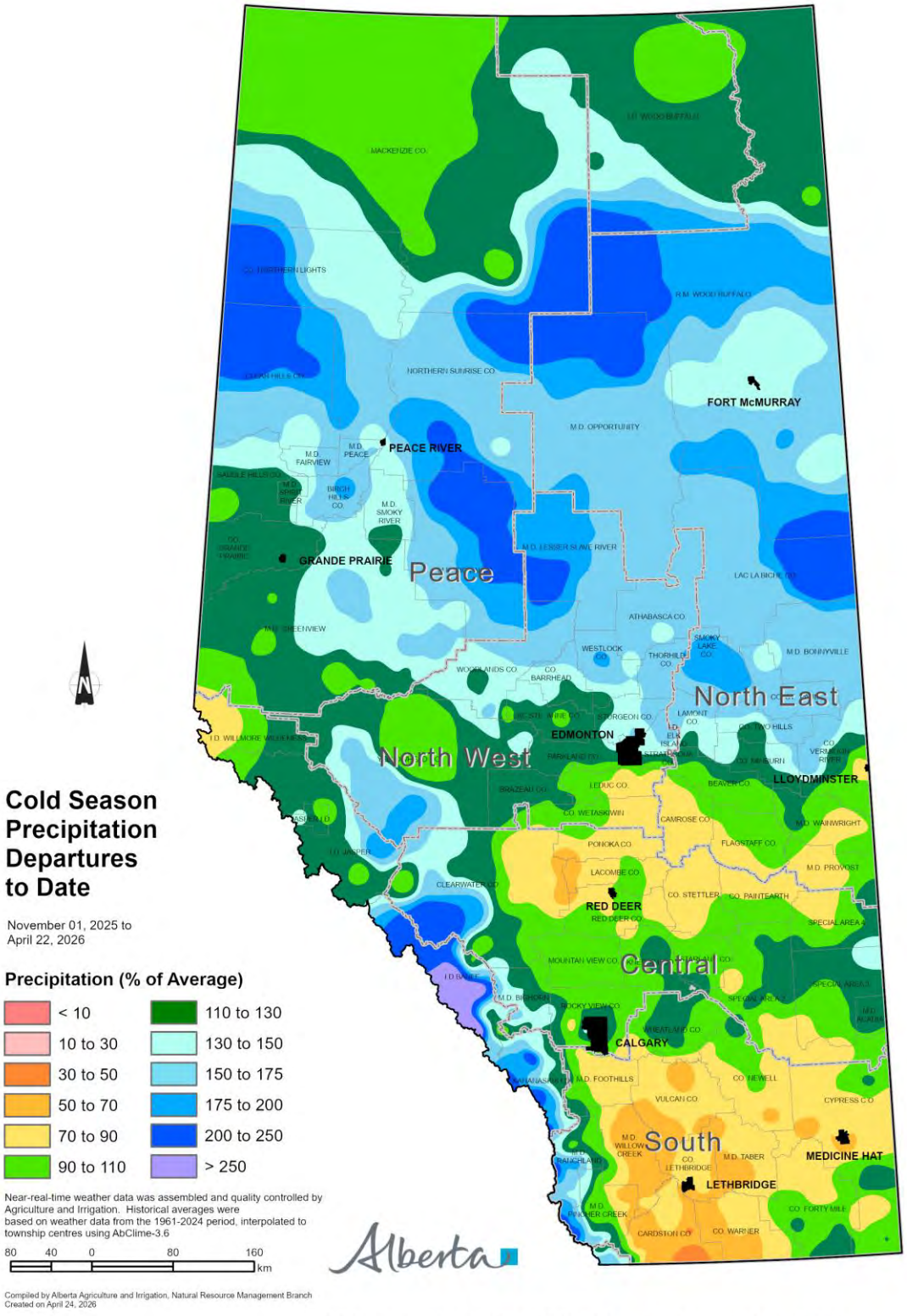

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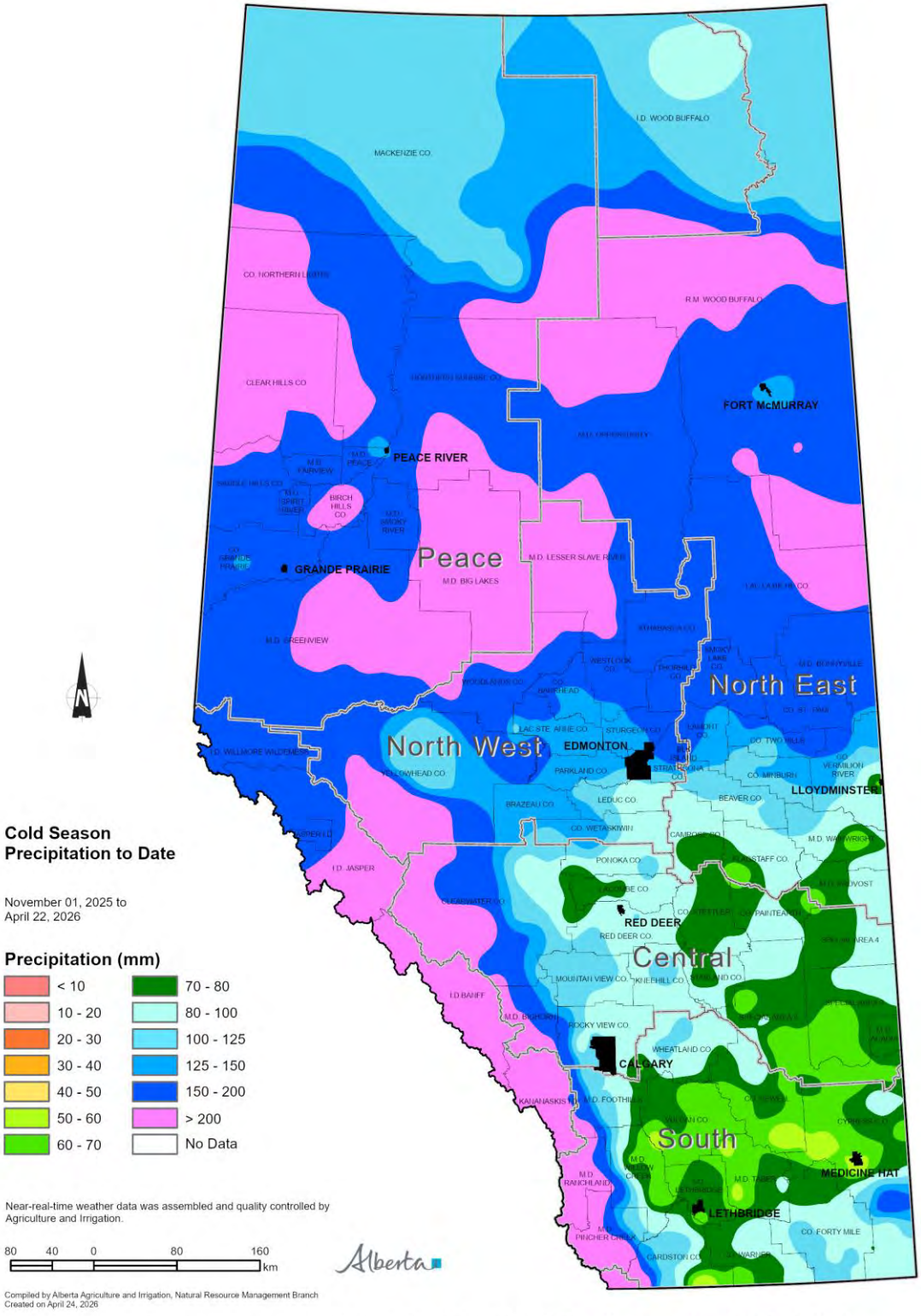

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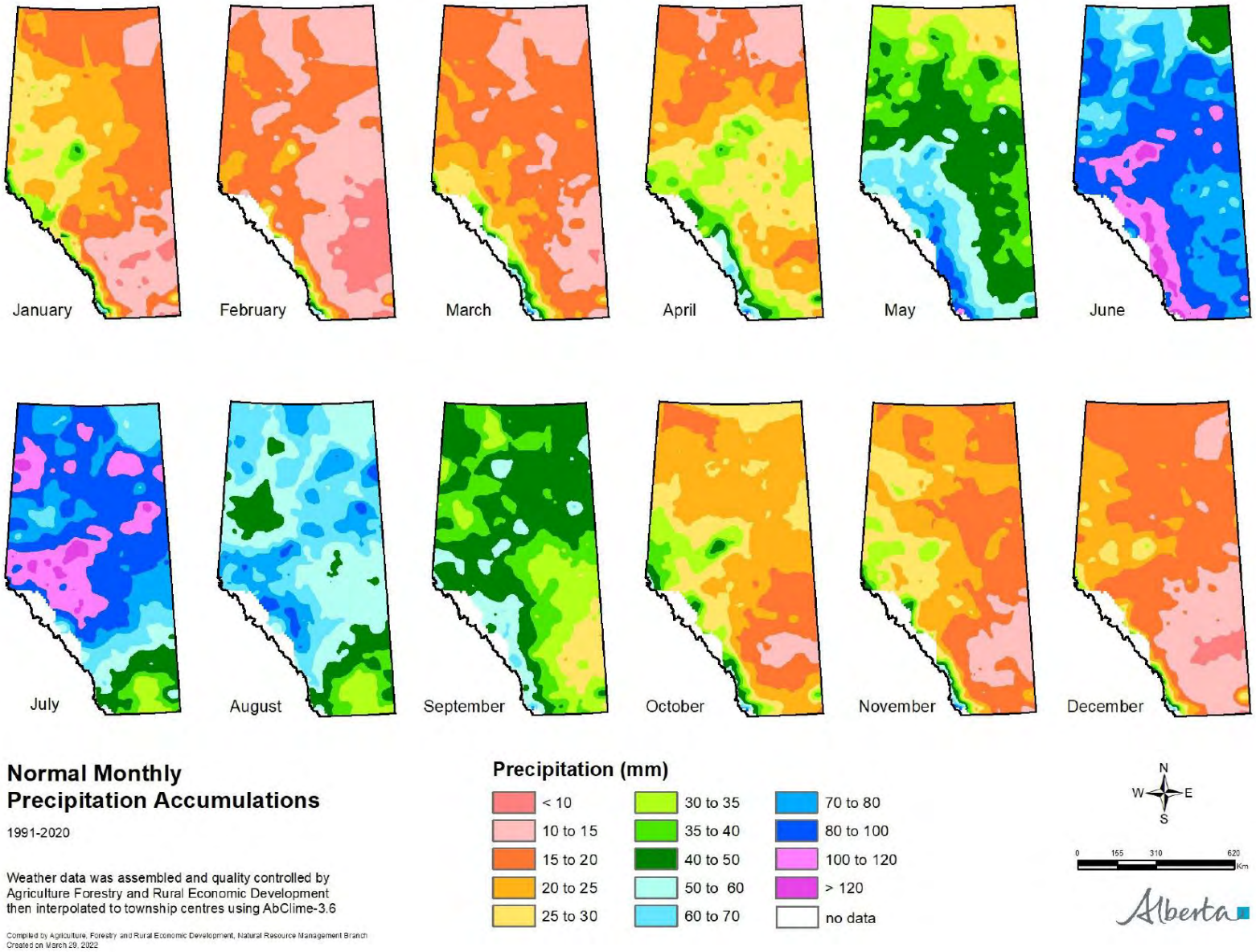

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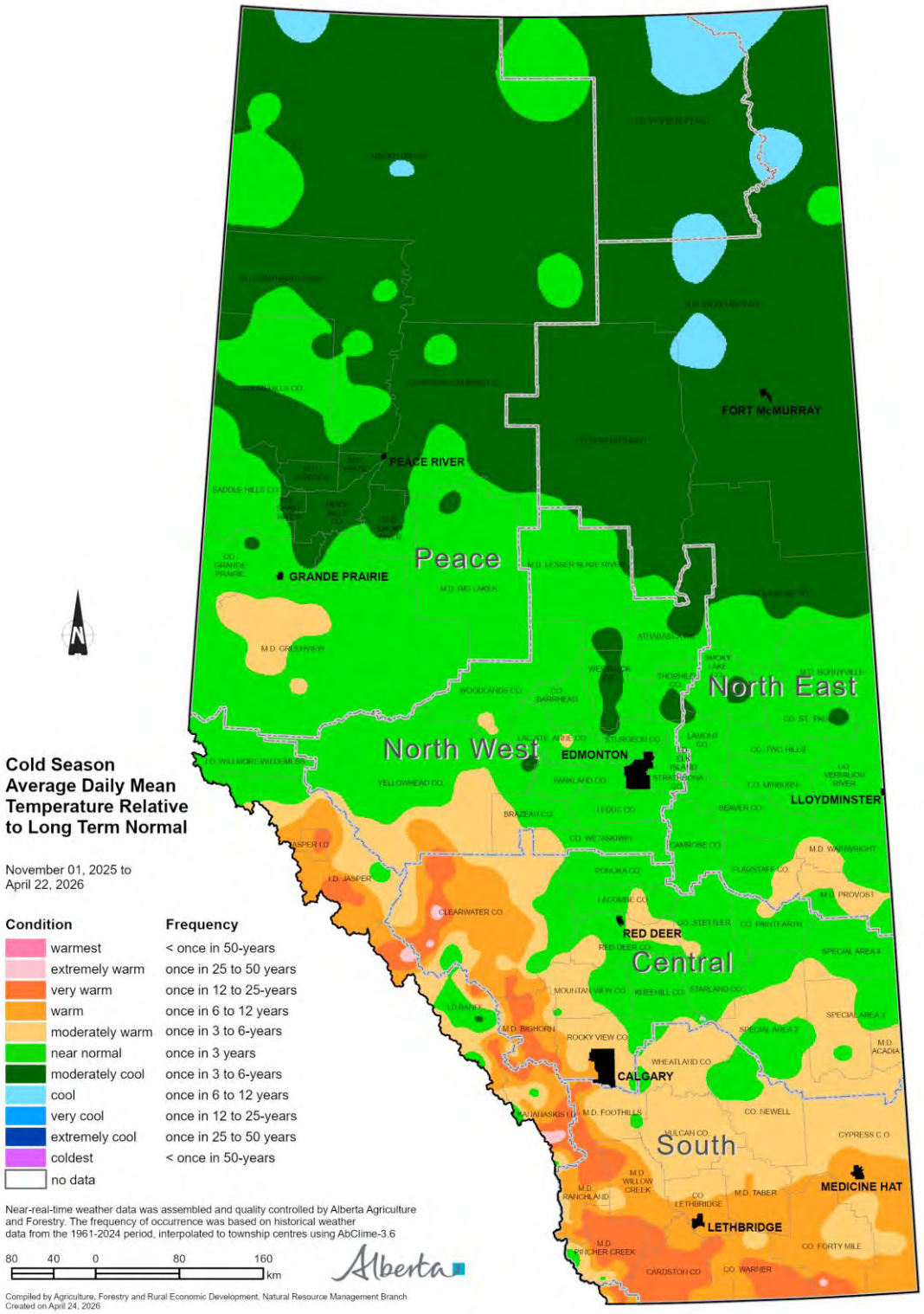

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07-Day
Average Daily Mean
Temperature Departure
From Long Term Average

March 19th to
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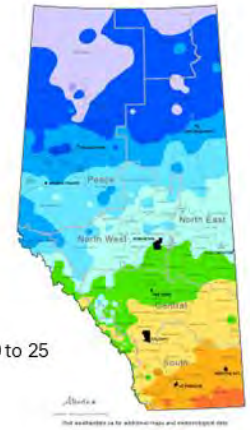

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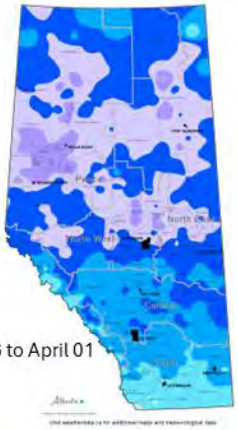

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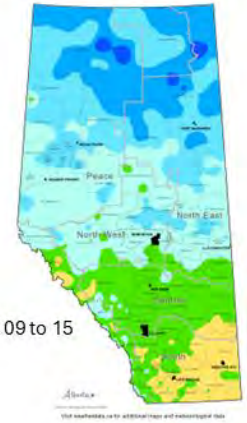

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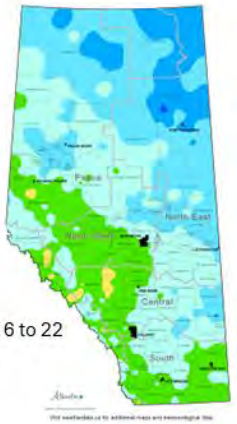

April 16 to 22

Degree Celsius

< -10	0 to 2
-10 to -8	2 to 4
-8 to -6	4 to 6
-6 to -4	6 to 8
-4 to -2	8 to 10
-2 to 0	> 10
	No Data

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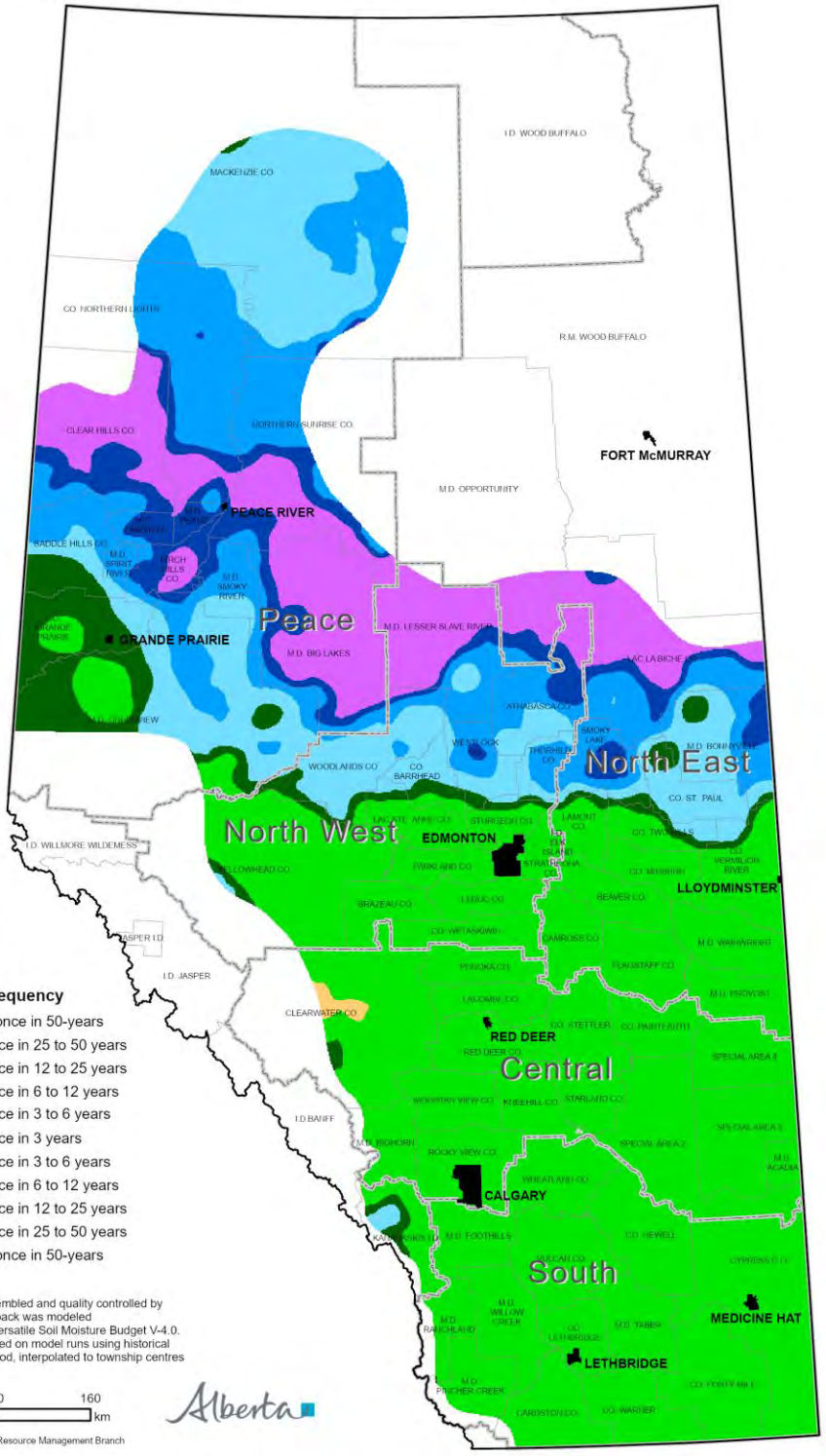

Snow Pack Accumulations on Stubble Fields Relative to Long Term Normal

Estimated as of April 22, 2026

Condition	Frequency
driest	< once in 50-years
extremely low	once in 25 to 50 years
very low	once in 12 to 25 years
low	once in 6 to 12 years
moderately low	once in 3 to 6 years
near normal	once in 3 years
moderately high	once in 3 to 6 years
high	once in 6 to 12 years
very high	once in 12 to 25 years
extremely high	once in 25 to 50 years
wettest	< once in 50-years
no data	

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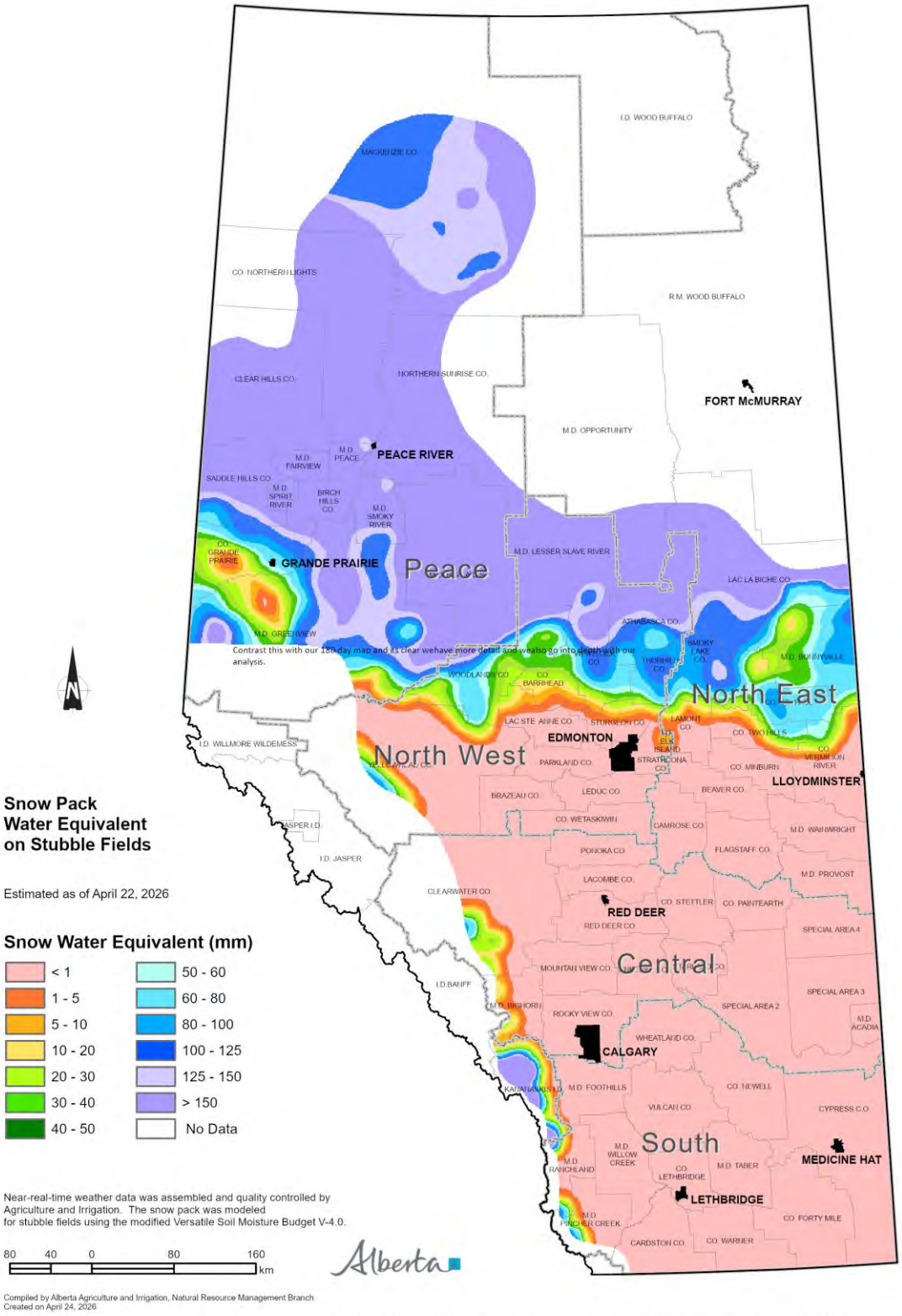

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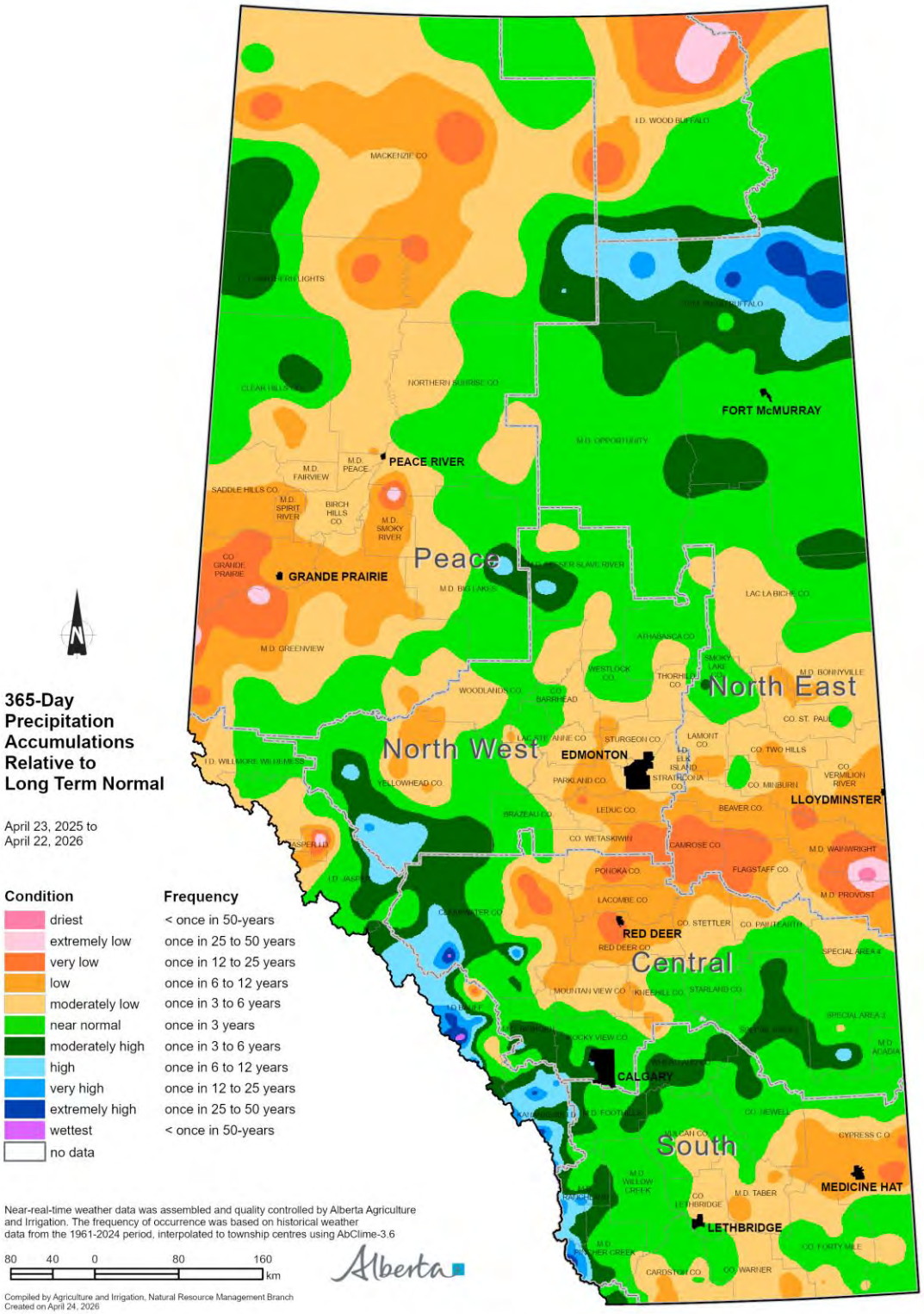

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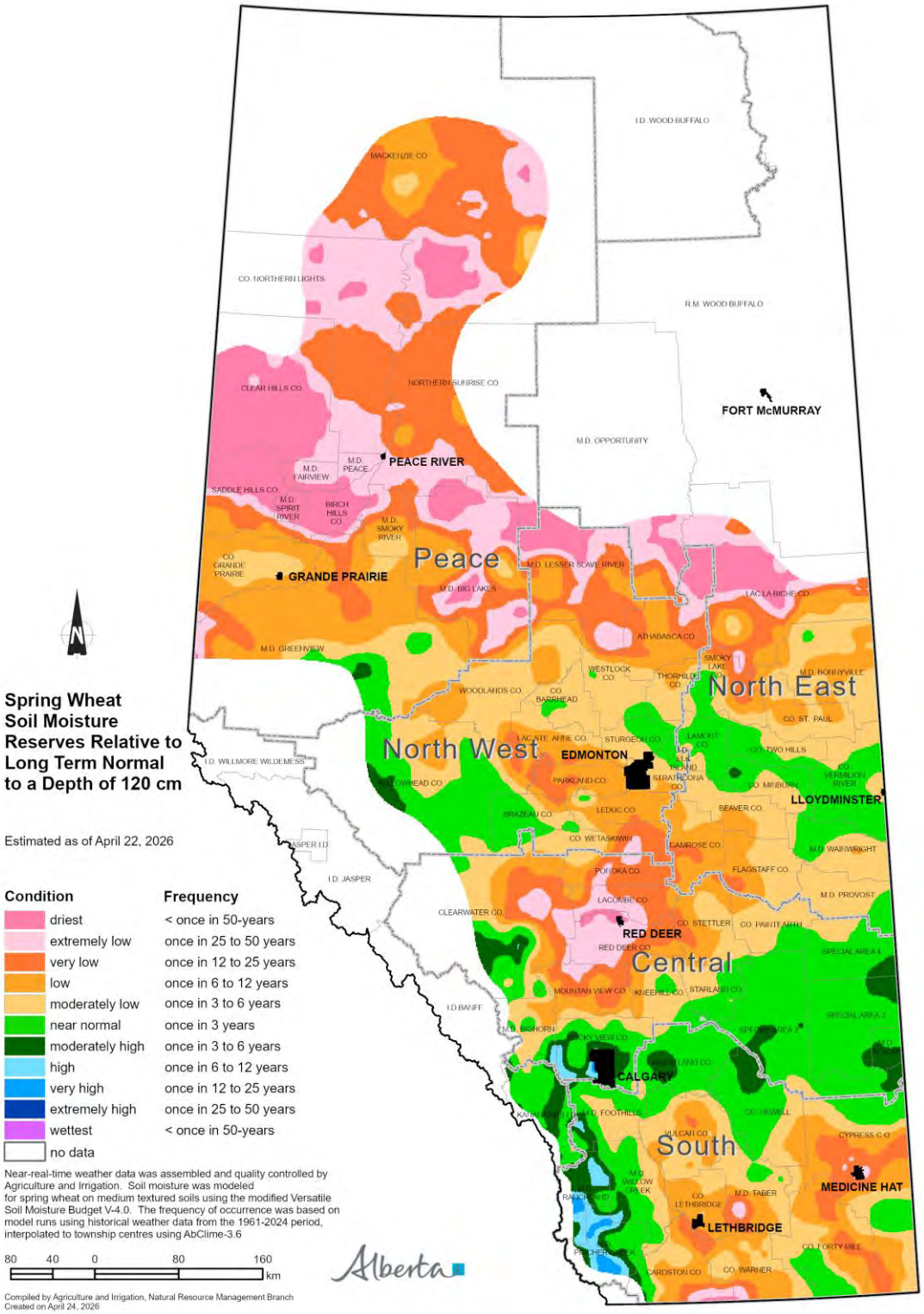

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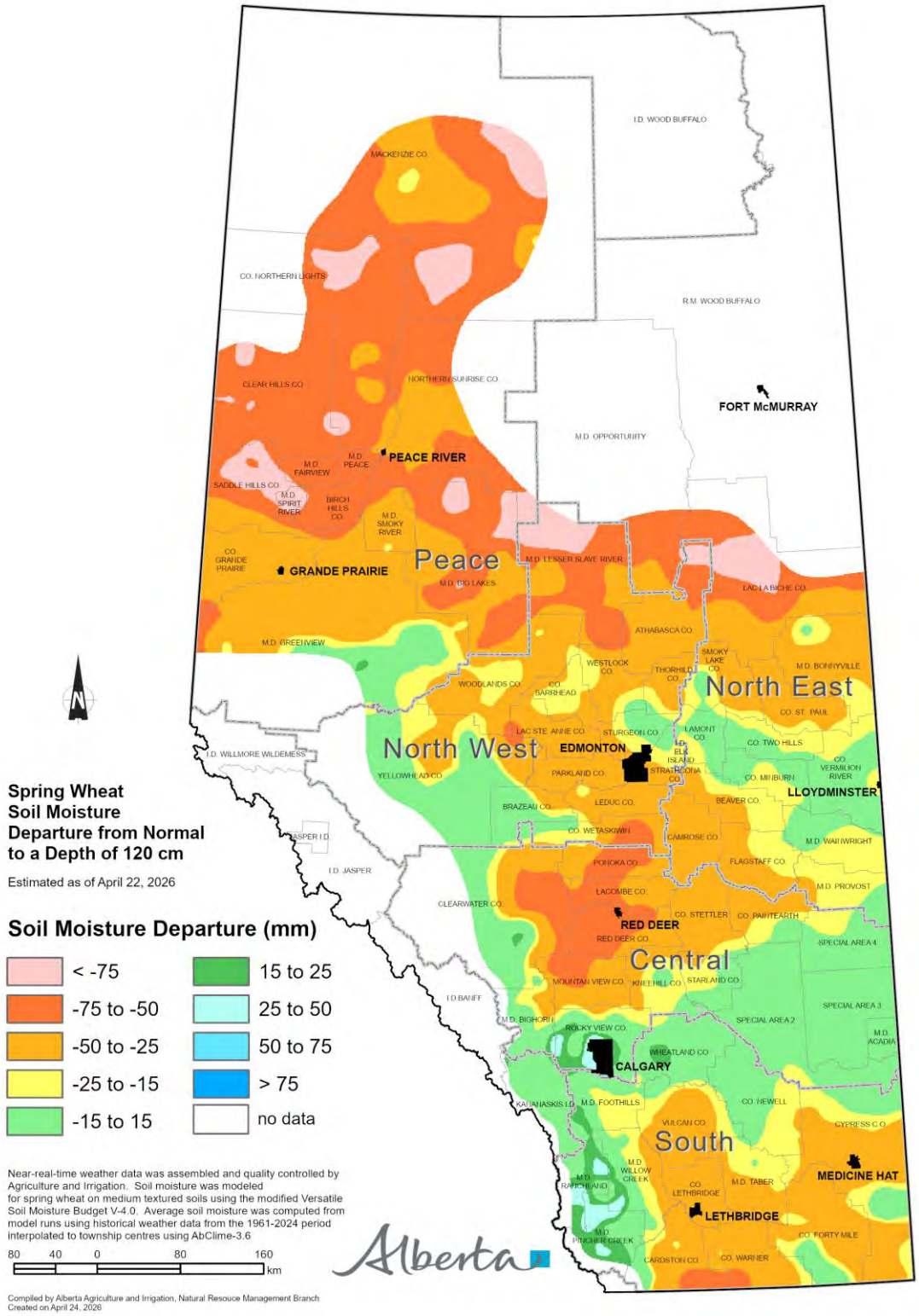

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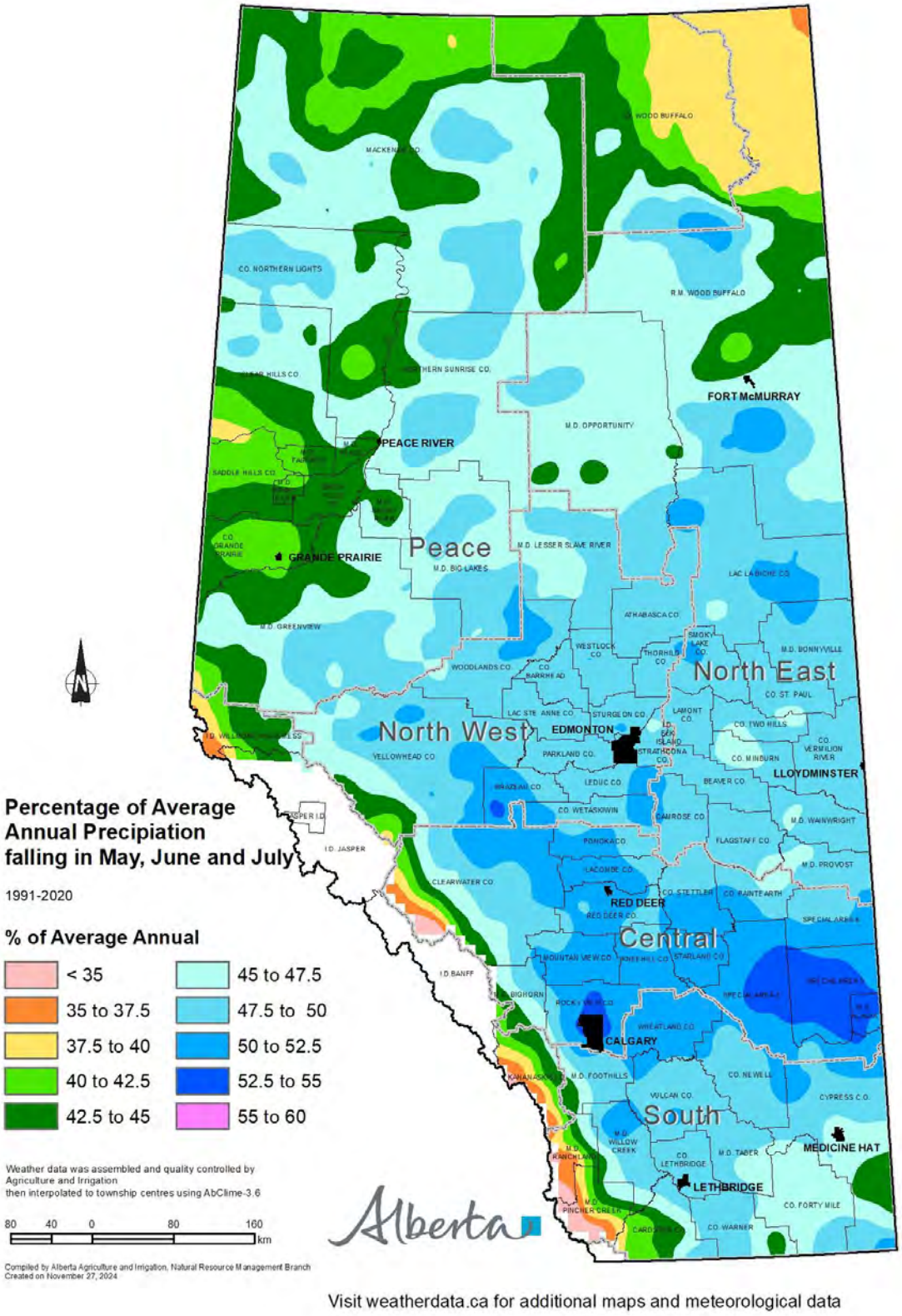

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Fw: 2026 Community Fund for Mental Health

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Applications are open until May 20th.
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If you've been thinking about applying, consider this your nudge. Even if your idea has changed or you weren't selected last time, we'd still love to hear from you.

If you have questions feel free to reach out—we're happy to connect.

Thanks again for the work you're doing to support your community.

Michaela Braaten
Community Engagement Manager
The Do More Agriculture Foundation