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Coming events

Alberta Open Farm Days
Culinary Webinar Series

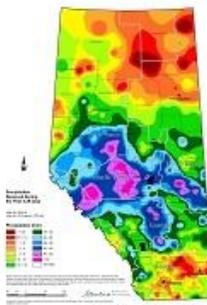
Agri-News feature



Supplementation on low yielding pastures

It is possible to extend the grazing period of stressed pastures. Barry Yaremco, beef and forage specialist at the Alberta Ag-Info Centre, offers some supplementation suggestions.

- [Read the article](#)



Moisture situation update

Read the latest agricultural moisture situation updates developed by the Agro-Meteorological Applications and Modelling Section team at Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

- [Moisture situation update](#)

- [June 26 - Long Table Dinners, Picnics](#)

5th Annual Alberta CanolaPalooza

- [June 26, Lacombe](#)

Farming Smarter Growing New Ideas - Cypress Field School

- [June 27, Cypress Hills](#)

BRRG Field Day

- [July 9, Forestburg](#)

Alberta Combine College

- [July 10, Lethbridge](#)

Farming Smarter Growing New Ideas - Field School

- [July 11, Lethbridge](#)

Year Round Grazing School with Jim Gerrish

- [July 12, Forestburg](#)

Shelterbelts and Eco-Buffers: Agroforestry Systems for Profitability and Resilience

- [July 15, Castor](#)

Markets



Crops

[weekly crop market review](#)

Livestock

[weekly livestock market review](#)

Crops



Fungicides - are they needed every year?

Harry Brook, crop specialist at the Alberta Ag-Info Centre, looks at how to assess the degree of risk to the crop when deciding on fungicide application.

- [Read the article](#)



Be on the lookout for late blight

This disease affects mainly potatoes and tomatoes and continues to be a risk for all solanaceous crops grown in Alberta. Robert Spencer, commercial horticulture specialist at the Alberta Ag-Info Centre, has the details.

- [Read the article](#)

APG Zone 2 Field Day

- [July 22, Three Hills area](#)

Grazing School with Dr. Allen Williams

- [July 22-23, Lac Cardinal](#)

Lakeland College Field School

- [July 23, Vermilion](#)
- [July 30, Vermilion](#)

Farming Smarter Growing New Ideas - Plot Hop

- [July 25, Lethbridge](#)

AgSmart

- [August 13-14, Olds](#)

Alberta Open Farm Days

- [August 17-18, province-wide](#)

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Roll on, crops

Harry Brook explains the benefits of rolling a crop - either after seeding or after emergence - and tips to ensure its success.

- [Read the article](#)

What's new in ag information



Latest crop report

Provincially, inadequate moisture levels have slowed the growth of crops, especially canola. As of June 18, 2019, crop growing conditions are rated as 63% good to excellent, compared to the provincial five-year average of 72% and the long-term average of 71%. Regionally, growing condition ratings were near normal in all regions, with the exception of the southern part of the province and the Peace Region, which received little precipitation following seeding.

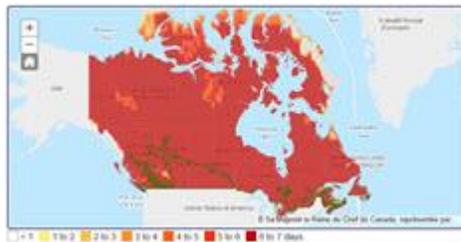
- [Read the full report](#)



New Economics and Competitiveness Branch publications

The Statistics and Data Development Section has released the following products.

- [Alberta Farm Input Prices, February 2019](#)
 - [Online Charting Function](#)
- [Edmonton Average Weekly Nutritious Food Basket Prices, May 2019](#)
- [Trends in Alberta Agri-Food Exports, No 15 – Trade Agreements and Agri-Food Trade](#)
- [Agri-Food Statistics Update: Issue LS19-1, January 1, 2019](#)
- [Livestock Inventory Estimates – Alberta/Canada Highlights 2017-18 Overview, Edmonton Nutritious Food Basket Costs](#)
- [Alberta Custom Rates Survey – Crop and Pastureland Lease and Rental 2017](#)



Extreme weather indices

A suite of extreme weather indices has been created to help with agricultural decision-making. Created by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) in collaboration with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), these indices are short-term weekly forecasts - for up to a month ahead - that predict risks to agricultural production from extreme weather factors related to temperature, precipitation, heat and wind.

- [Extreme weather indices](#)

Export markets



Alberta companies participate in SIAL Canada

Six Alberta companies took part in this key tradeshow for the Canadian agri-food industry. SIAL Canada is one of North America's most important food industry tradeshows and the only show of its scale in Canada.

- [Read the article](#)

Livestock



Track your manure applications with ManureTracker

The app helps with managing manure, tracking applications, transfers, basic record keeping and much more. Trevor Wallace, nutrient management specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, has the details.

- [Read the article](#)



Feeding hybrid rye to pigs

A research trial is looking at feeding hybrid rye versus wheat grain to hogs in grower-finisher diets. Miranda Smit, livestock research extension coordinator with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, explains.

- [Read the article](#)

Business and marketing



Western Canada cow market update

Jason Wood, provincial livestock market analyst with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, updates the numbers as of June 19, 2019.

- [Read the article](#)

Recipe



Steakhouse skewers with kale caesar

Torn kale leaves are marinated in a creamy homemade dressing to tenderize the leaves and impart an intense garlicky-lemon flavour. It is the perfect rendition of the fan-favourite salad to serve with hearty and robust steak skewers. Brought to you by the [Canadian Beef Information Centre](#).

- [Read the recipe](#)

Jobs in agriculture



Veterinary Pathologist (Anatomic)

Airdrie – The Veterinary Pathologist (Airdrie location-Calgary area) is expected to participate in livestock and poultry disease surveillance projects to determine and monitor the health status of these species. The information and knowledge gained diagnostic pathology work and surveillance projects will be communicated to relevant stakeholders and the veterinary community via publications in peer reviewed journals, presentations at conferences and industry meetings and factsheets. The successful candidate will assist the Unit manager to co-ordinate post-mortem room activities, design

and participate in specific projects and provide training and guidance to other staff members. The competition for this position (Job ID # 1051938) will stay open until a suitable candidate has been found.

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Meat Inspector



Air Attack Officer

Slave Lake - As an Air Attack Officer you will play a vital role in controlling airspace on wildfires which will include directing air tankers for maximum effect while deployed on a fire and being responsible for directing air traffic to reduce the risk of aircraft incidents. When the wildfire risk has subsided, you will be a key member of the Prevention program working with communities on items such as FireSmart projects, mutual aid agreements and community planning. Through the direct supervision of permanent and seasonal staff, you will play a key leadership role which will involve constant program monitoring, training, mentoring and coaching to achieve Provincial and Area goals and objectives. You may also be involved on various Incident Management Teams and rosters during fire season as well as in other area functions, such as FOMP and timber duties (as required), where you will be expected to apply your knowledge and expertise to integrate forestry practices into field operations. The competition for this position (Job ID # 1055056) closes June 28, 2019.

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Meat Inspector

Edmonton - As a meat inspector, you will be responsible for providing inspection services at provincial abattoirs in the specified region. Duties while performing kill floor inspection services will include: pre-operation, ante and post-mortem examination, time reporting, and relevant inspection documentation, as well as appropriate record keeping. This work requires an understanding of animal diseases and pathology, humane handling and stunning requirements, sanitation practices, and food safety control programs. This position is a regulatory role and involves the onsite enforcement of provincial statutes administered by the Meat & Dairy Inspection Section. You must be familiar with and have the ability to interpret the Meat Inspection Act, Meat Inspection Regulations, and Meat Facility Standards. The competition for this part-time position (Job ID # 1055051) closes July 5, 2019.

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Wildfire Technologist

Whitecourt - Based out of Whitecourt you will lead a group of wildfire rangers and fire fighters in delivering the wildfire prevention and operations programs throughout the Whitecourt Forest Area. This diverse area encompasses a large variety of human values, fire regimes and fire risks and contains many unique and challenging features. As a wildfire technologist you will be challenged with the delivery of components of the prevention program. Workload diversity is key to skill development so support of the operations program will also play a large role in this position. You will be accountable for working with local fire departments and municipal leaders to implement FireSmart programs, planning and executing prescribed burns and hazard reduction burns, leading education activities and coordinating the compliance and enforcement program as well as other prevention activities. The competition for this position (Job ID # 1054960) will remain open until a suitable candidate is selected.

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