

The Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldman

Agricultural Service Board Act - February 1945 UNIQUE to Alberta

Started with 13 municipalities and now we reach 69 municipalities and 1 First Nation in the Province (Siksika First Nation)

Field Supervisors were hired to administer the various programs regarding weed control and soil erosion within RURAL municipalities

2016 ASBs celebrated **71 years of continuous service to** producers in Alberta

Role of ASB

ASBs play a critical role in assessing the needs and direction of the agriculture industry in their area.

Four Main Categories:

Policy and Administration

Program Development and Review

Program Promotion and Advertising

General – other aspects associated with improving the economic welfare of the farmer

An Agricultural Fieldman is a qualified person hired by Council and employed on a full time basis, to implement agricultural policies and programs and to manage the agricultural resources of the municipality.

Agricultural Fieldman are a designated officer of the municipality and appointed an inspector under the:

- Weed Control Act
- Agricultural Pest Act
- Soil Conservation Act

Animal Health Act

February 29, 1968 – Field Supervisors Group was replaced by the Association of Alberta Agricultural Fieldmen

March 11, 1971 – First official In Service Training for the Association



Today Alberta Agricultural Fieldman are uniquely qualified to manage the diverse ASB programs across Alberta.



Many members have university or college degrees in Agriculture, Biology, Environmental Technology, and/or Business Administration. Several are Professional Agrologists or Certified Crop Advisors.

All AAAF members have an extensive applied agricultural or environmental science background.

All share a common tie to the diverse world of agriculture, and believe strongly in the importance of the industry to society's well being.

Provincial Role

- Grasshopper Survey
- Fusarium Survey
- Bertha Army Worm
- Diamond Back
- Swede Midge/ Wheat Midge
- Rat Control
- Provincial Weed Survey
- Wild Boar Program
- Extension Programs Growing Forward 2 & Environmental Farm Plan



Other Municipal Duties

Waste Management
Emergency Services
Animal Control
Economic Development
Development Officer
Health & Safety

Utility Management
Parks and Recreation
Chief Administrative Officer
Public Works Managers
Legislative Services

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"We work for a better agricultural industry in all parts of Alberta."



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