

2019-2020 SERVICE LEVELS

RAT CONTROL

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?



☐ To protect Alberta from rats

HOW WILL WE ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS?

Key Strategies

STRATEGY	DESCRIPTION
Physical Inspections	Completing physical inspections for rats, which also includes baiting
Public Education	Share resources and information with the general public to raise awareness
Vector Control	Investigations
Cooperation	Provide assistance across the province when required

WHEN & HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

Actions/Initiatives

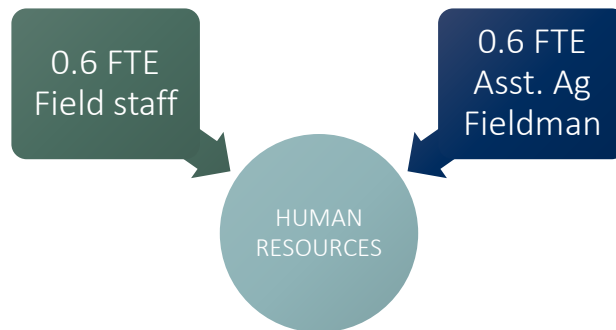
ACTION	EXPLANATION	ACHIEVEMENT DEADLINE
Inspections	Conduct 1300 850 inspections a year at 1250-550 sites; covering approx. 1100-830 square miles Covering Alberta Rat Control Zone is the 118-12 miles strip west of Alberta/Saskatchewan border	Spring & Fall
Public Education	Displays at events such as Agrivisions, Ag Education Days Vermilion Ag Society Fair, etc	Throughout year
Baiting	All farmsteads & potential habitat in Rat Control Zone are inspected; within the Rat Control Zone, bait is delivered as required upon request	Spring & Fall; upon request
Vector Control	Investigation of all rabies concerns; skunk culling if needed Investigations of all rat calls.	As needed
Cooperation	Will assist other municipalities in the event of infestation. Cooperation with Saskatchewan Agriculture and Saskatchewan Pest Control Officers Association (SPOCA)	On-going

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHED ACTIONS/INITIATIVES FROM LAST YEAR

* Conducted 549 546 inspections during spring checks in 2018 2019.

* Responded to 6 rat enquiries, all of which were negative.

HUMAN RESOURCES



FINANCIAL RESOURCES



DETAILS	
REVENUE	-Completely funded by Service Agreement with Alberta Agriculture for \$100,000 annually.
EXPENSES	-Within Grant Agreement parameters -2019 Rat Control Operational Budget
CAPITAL	-Vehicle support for field staff -2019 Rat Control Capital Budget

REGULATIONS/POLICIES

- A) Agricultural Pest Act & Regulations
- B) Alberta Rat & Rabies Control Program.

MEASUREMENTS

CATEGORY	MEASUREMENT	GOAL
FINANCIAL	Budget	Operate within budget
ORGANIZATIONAL	Timeframes	Complete actions in allotted time frame
CUSTOMER CARE	Awareness Response Time	Improved general awareness Respond quickly to customer concerns
VISION	Sustainability	Provide support to other municipalities

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

Agreement verifies provincial grant

- Prior to 2004 the number of inspections was 3,200; in the 2004 contract the number of inspections was reduced to 2,676 per year. In 2009, the number of inspections was reduced again to 2,273 per year. In 2018, the number of inspections was reduced to 1300 per year, and the grant provided was reduced to \$100,000/year. As the number of active farm operations decreases, the number of annual inspection sites is also decreases. Presence of grain bags and bales stored in fields overwinter also impacts annual inspection sites.