

# MD OF RANCHLAND

# AG BULLETIN

News, updates, and information for our community.



## CREATING OR RENEWING AN ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN

Maintaining a healthy environment is crucial to the growth and success of agricultural operations. The Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is a voluntary farm assessment that can help producers identify environmental risks on their operations and develop plans to mitigate them.

Completing an EFP will identify what is already being done well and highlight where improvements could be made. This helps producers understand how they can optimize operational efficiency while reducing environmental impact and farm costs. There are also funding opportunities for projects that producers can access with a completed EFP, such as the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) programs. The plans must be renewed every 10 years.

To start the process of creating or renewing an EFP, visit [www.albertaefp.com](http://www.albertaefp.com). Applicants will be connected with an EFP technician that will assist with the application process and implementation strategy. For more information, contact Erin at [erin@ranchland66.com](mailto:erin@ranchland66.com) or 403-646-3131.

### GRANT TO APPLY FOR

<https://www.canadianfga.ca/projects-projets/ofcaf-funding/>

### Canadian Forage and Grassland Association

**On-Farm Climate Action Fund**  
 OFCAF supports the adoption or expansion of rotational grazing, for example through fencing, water systems, or pasture improvement. Projects up to \$20,000 per year, covers up to 70% of eligible project expenses. If interested, contact Erin at 403-646-3131 or [erin@ranchland66.com](mailto:erin@ranchland66.com).



## WEED TO WATCH

### Common Mullein

*Verbascum thapsus*

ID characteristics: starts as rosette and can grow over 1m tall, leaves large, densely hairy, and grey-green, bright yellow flowers in a spike cluster at the top.



Theodore Webster, USDA

## LADIES

### LIVESTOCK LESSONS

Mountain View Heritage Center January 20, 2023

**Featuring**  
**@WildroseFarmer Katelyn Duban,**  
**Host of "The Rural Woman Podcast".**

The event will also include sessions on grassland management, building a vaccine cooler, livestock first aid, and more!

**To register visit**  
**[www.RedBowAg.com](http://www.RedBowAg.com)**

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## ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT

**Miistakis Institute**

<https://rockies.ca/>



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The Miistakis Institute is an affiliated research institute at Mount Royal University in Calgary, specializing in evaluating complex environmental problems and using diverse tools to resolve them. They focus on scientifically investigating conservation dilemmas, analyzing policy implications, developing decision support tools, and catalyzing community conservation action by applying scientific knowledge to land and resource management. For more information, visit the website above.

