



# MD OF RANCHLAND AG BULLETIN

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## Alberta Environmental Farm Plan

Alberta Environmental Farm Plan is a whole-farm self-assessment tool to identify potential environmental risks on your farm.

Having a complete understanding of your farm's sustainability responsibilities, both short and long-term, will help you navigate challenges and ensure that your farm's future is in good shape.

The EFP walks you through step by step, highlighting areas that need attention on your operation and come up with a plan to address those areas. Addressing environmental risks not only benefits your operation, but also the next generation of farmers.

Completing an EFT is completed voluntary and free. All your information remains confidential. For more information on getting started, head to [www.albertaefp.com](http://www.albertaefp.com) for more information or contact us at [ag3@ranchland66.com](mailto:ag3@ranchland66.com)

### Grant to Apply For

#### **Waterton Biosphere Carnivores and Communities Program**

Southwestern Alberta residents have expressed concern about growing carnivore populations, the increasing frequency of conflicts with large carnivores, and the impacts of large carnivores on local livelihoods and community safety. CACP works directly with landowners to reduce conflicts between people and large carnivores, a benefit to both human and large carnivore populations.

CACP offers funding assistance with electric fencing, securing grain, feed & garbage as well as bear safety training.

Check out

[www.watertonbiosphere.com/projects/carnivores-communities/](http://www.watertonbiosphere.com/projects/carnivores-communities/)

to see how you can benefit from this program.





## BENEFITS OF NATIVE GRASSLANDS

Alberta's native grasslands are essential for preserving biodiversity and supporting sustainable agriculture.

Grasslands absorb rainfall, snow and reduce runoff, helping maintain healthy watersheds. Their extensive roots stabilize the ground, reduce erosion from wind and water and increase the soils ability to absorb and retain.

MD of Ranchland runs a Native Grass Seed Program every summer. Stay tuned this spring for more details.

## Animal Health Act - Reportable Diseases

Reportable diseases are diseases that the province has the authority to take action on, such as ordering quarantines or treatments.

If you suspect a reportable disease is present in an animal, you must report it to the Chief Provincial Veterinarian within 24 hours. Reports can be made verbally or in writing by contacting the provincial veterinarian or a designated authority.

Examples:

Cattle : Anaplasmosis, Bluetongue, Johne's Disease, Vibriosis, and Bovine Trichomoniasis






Pigs : Swine Influenza

Poultry : Avian influenza and Exotic Newcastle Disease

Merry Christmas from the MD of Ranchland Ag team. Wishing everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas, filled with good company.



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## ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT

### Alberta Native Plant Council

The Alberta Native Plant Council shares knowledge and supports the conservation of native plants and native plant habitat in Alberta through outreach, publications, stewardship, advocacy and research. As well as funding and implementing native plant projects.

A few of their objectives are to develop conservation, restoration and monitoring actions for the preservation of natural habitats and plant communities; and to develop guidelines and strategies for appropriate use of Alberta native plants.

More information can be found at [www.anpc.ab.ca](http://www.anpc.ab.ca)

