



AG BULLETIN

News, updates, and information
for our community.



**Congratulations to Williams' family for
exemplifying the great work farm families
are doing in M.D. of Ranchland!**



Grant To Apply For

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership - Water

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP) supports the country's continued innovation, growth and prosperity. This 5-year (2023-2028), \$3.5 billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments strengthens competitiveness, innovation and resiliency of the agriculture, agri- food and agri-based products sector.

Some project examples may include standard incentives for new or expanded water source developments, wells, dugouts, spring developments, tie-in to a multi-user water supply pipeline dams, water source for crop irrigation, cisterns, unshared water pipelines, off-source watering systems, well decommissioning, well pit conversions, wetland assessments, etc. Specific programs open and close at different times, check regularly for updates or contact ag3@ranchland.com for more information.

Find out more -

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/department/initiatives/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership>

Name That Plant!



A



B



C



D



E



F



G

Ventenata Weed to Watch

Ventenata dubia

ID characteristics: Stems are long, narrow and resemble a wire. The hairless leaves are mostly found on the lower half of the plant and the pyramid shaped flowers can span up to 20 cm long. Lower florets have a short, straight awn, while upper florets have 90° bend to the twisted awns.



Find out more on AISC's website - <https://abinnovatives.ca>

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Staveley Research Ranch

The Staveley Research Station is located in the Foothills Fescue natural sub-region of Alberta and consists of native fescue grasslands. The Research Ranch is a unique and valuable demonstration of long-term effects of land management on grassland ecosystems in Alberta. This facility was instrumental in the development of the Alberta Range Health Assessment Protocols and it continues to provide research opportunities, managed through the University of Alberta, Rangeland Research Institute.

In 1949 or thereabouts, the experimental sub-station was established by the Dominion Experimental Farm Service, which was in response to the Western Stock Growers' Association and the Province of Alberta that grasslands management problems be investigated. At the time the facility had a 960 acre footprint. Other agencies collaborated in developing the facility included Burns Ranches, a part of Flying E Ranch and the Department of Lands and Mines of the Province of Alberta. Recognition of the generosity of Burns Ranches should be noted, as well as the unnamed local stockman in the area who all assisted in the development of this facility to:

- Determine carrying capacities of the area.
- Study livestock responses regarding differing rates and methods of grazing.
- Investigate methods of manage whereby forage cover is maintained in a productive state.
- Determine the most suitable grasses and legumes for reseeding in the Foothills region and similar areas.
- Study the effects of insects and diseases that prey on vegetation and livestock in the area.

Organization Highlight



Freshwater Conservation Canada
(formerly Trout Unlimited Canada)

Established in 1972, we remain dedicated to volunteer-led resource conservation and hands-on initiatives, which have expanded in both scale and influence. Our programs and projects are carried out by our staff, alongside local chapters, volunteers, and partners, concentrating on watershed assessment, monitoring, and restoration to promote healthy water quality, quantity, habitats, and wildlife communities.

While our mission remains the same, Freshwater Conservation Canada will continue to evolve to meet the growing challenges of water quality, water quantity, climate change, and biodiversity loss across Canada's streams, rivers, and lakes. Find out more at - <https://www.freshwaterconservationcanada.org/>

The Environmental Farm Plan

(EFP) is an opportunity to assess areas of strength and potential environmental risks on a farming operation. It can be a requirement regarding some funding streams and it provides a farm with increased awareness of areas of potential environmental concern and helps outline site-specific, individualized plans to address, monitor or compensate these risks. It is voluntary and free, and it considers the farming operation as a whole. The EFP program offers all of this in an easy to use, flexible, online format.

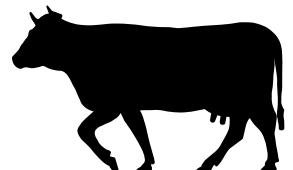
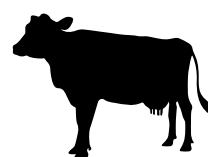
Contact - inquiries@albertaEFP.com



Rancher Events Corner

Events and Information

- Nanton Round-Up Days - July 31 - August 3
- FFGA Pasture Powerup, Patricia - August 5
- Virtual Fencing Field Day, Cochrane - August 11
- Environmental Farm Plan Workshops
 - August 12 - virtual
 - August 28 - virtual
- Alberta Open Farm Days - August 15 & 16
- Swath Grazing Strategies for Livestock Producers, virtual - August 17
- Ranching Like a 12yr Old, virtual - August 19
- Grazing Cover Crops: Partnerships in Practice, virtual - August 20



Public Reminder - On the MD of Ranchland No. 66 municipal website there are used backpack sprayers for auction in the “For Sale” section, stay tuned for updates, Contact ag3@ranchland66.com for any questions or more information.



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Don't miss out on information, check your settings today!

Alberta Agricultural Facts

- There are 69 Agricultural Services Boards in Alberta serving producers on over 50+ million acres of farmland! They are key to Alberta's pest surveillance network that assist at maintaining market access. The ASBs:
 - Conserve soil and water
 - Enhance and protect viable and sustainable agricultural practices
 - Control of animal diseases
 - Develop municipal policies
- In and around 2024/2025:
 - 4.7 million cattle were found in Alberta, 43% of Canada's total!
 - Greater than 3/4s of cattle processing was found in western Canada, mostly Alberta.
 - Alberta beef production was estimated at almost 950,000 tonnes!
 - Alberta's livestock and crop market receipts were a record \$21.2 billion. Of this total, cattle and calves accounted for 43.8 per cent.

