

Assurance Partners

Agriculture Service Boards (ASB) 2024

Market Access Impact

68 Farmer-led Ag Service Boards
682+ jobs created annually



ASB's invest an additional
\$6 for every **\$62.0M**
\$1 from AGI **\$10.2M**

Provides
\$113.5M **\$23.1B**
in economic output

ASB's are grass-root organizations
Mandated by legislation
ASB's act as an advisory body
to the Minister on matters of mutual
concern



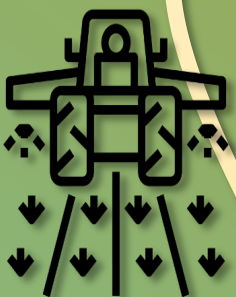
Delegated Authority For:

- Ag Service Board Act
- Agricultural Pest Act
- Weed Control Act
- Soil Conservation Act
- Animal Health Act

Inspect and license
112
stationary and mobile
seed cleaning
Plants in AB



Weed control on
~ 119,607 km
municipal roadways
annually to ensure
public safety and pest
management.



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Alberta's Rat Free Status

Conducted **882**
inspections with
0 within the rat
control zone

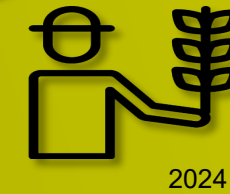


Education over Legislation

Resolved ~ **24,500**
weed, pest and soil
issues annually



Identify, monitor and address
concerns that could impact
market access



2024

Support assurance through
surveillance and monitoring for pests and
diseases

> **13773 surveys: diseases**

- e.g. clubroot, virulent blackleg, sclerotinia, wheat and barley head pathogens, bacterial ring rot, verticillium, Dutch Elm, bunt, smut, FHB, ergot, canola health, foliar pulse disease, cereal leaf disease, Ascochyta severity, bacterial blight index, pea health

> **3114 surveys - insects**

- e.g. grasshopper, wheat and swede midge, bertha armyworm, diamond back moth, cutworm, elm bark beetle, emerald ash borer, pea leaf weevil, cabbage seed pod weevil

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POLICIES SUPPORT COMPLIANCE

Agricultural Fieldmen

create and implement policies to support legislation and address concerns that potentially impact market access



Ag Service Boards support the creation and implementation of policies that support compliance to legislation

ASB's are the Delegated Authority For:

- Ag Service Board Act (ASB)
- Agricultural Pest Act (APA)
- Weed Control Act (WCA)
- Soil Conservation Act (SCA)
- Animal Health Act (AHA)

WCA

68 counties/M.D.'s have policies, procedures and/or bylaws for WCA

Weed control is provided on 119,607 km of municipal roadways annually



6 counties/M.D.'s receive Rat Control program funding



APA

67 counties/M.D.'s have policies, procedures and/or bylaws for APA

In 2024 68 counties/M.D.'s assisted with > 16887 – disease and insect pests surveys



26 counties/M.D.'s reported 61 wild boar sightings

SCA

60 counties/M.D.'s have policies for SCA



~2650 pest issues resolved to compliance in 2024



21,762 weed issues were resolved in 2024



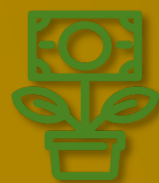
3864 prohibited noxious weed infestations eradicated in 2024

112 stationary and mobile seed cleaning plants in AB were inspected and licensed in 2024



25,847 noxious weed sites controlled in 2024

45 counties/M.D.'s are also controlling non-provincially regulated weeds causing issues



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COMPLIANCE SUPPORTS MARKET ACCESS

Agricultural Fieldmen

identify, monitor and address concerns through **awareness, education, notices** and **enforcement** that could **impact market access**



As the delegated authority for:

- *Agricultural Pest Act (APA)*
- *Weed Control Act (WCA)*
- *Soil Conservation Act (SCA)*
- *Animal Health Act (AHA)*

Ag Fieldmen enable **compliance**



Weed Control Compliance

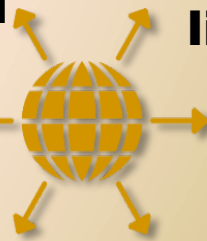


380 weed inspectors appointed
21,762 weed issues investigated and resolved to compliance primarily through education
1258 notices issued
688 enforcement actions taken (3%)

Soil Conservation Compliance



139 soil conservation officers appointed
258 soil inspections
88 soil issues resolved to compliance primarily through landowner education
7 soil issues resolved through enforcement
5,945 acres under restoration



Animal Health Support



98% of Counties & M.D.'s are prepared to assist with animal health issues which includes emergency preparedness plans for livestock emergencies



Ag Service Boards support delivery of awareness and education programming for legislation

Pest Control Compliance



353 pest inspectors appointed
2650 pest issues investigated and resolved primarily through education programming
~1% controlled through enforcement action
882 rat inspections, 0 confirmed infestations

Awareness and education of landowners by Ag Fieldmen achieves **> compliance** than notices and enforcement