

SECTION: Agricultural Services**03-03c****SUBJECT: Agricultural Pests****POLICY NAME: Livestock Predation by Coyotes****POLICY DEPT(S): Agricultural Services, Property Administration****EFFECTIVE DATE: December 10, 2024****LAST AMENDED: December 2024****BOARD MOTION: 22-42-24****REVIEW DATE: December 2025****PURPOSE:**

To protect the economic viability of agricultural production in the Special Areas by administering provincial coyote predation programming to eligible producers.

The Special Areas Board recognizes the threat of livestock predation posed by *Canis latrans* (coyotes) when left unmanaged, and the associated economic costs which burden producers.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Special Areas Board (SAB), through its Agricultural Services Department will implement program objectives that serve the purpose of this policy and include:

1. Preventative efforts involving education and awareness initiatives to be developed and promoted by the Agricultural Service Boards and Agricultural Services Department.
2. Expectations of Producers to implement feasible measures to prevent losses to coyote predation by using appropriate livestock management practices or barriers, electric fencing, proper carrion disposal, guard dogs or other techniques that may be applicable.
3. Producer encouragement to use the safe and judicious use of lethal control when prevention is not an option, through:
 - i. Shooting, and or
 - ii. The approved use of the predacide Sodium Monofluoroacetate (Compound 1080) issued by Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation through the permitting process with the Agricultural Fieldman.
4. Participation of Agricultural Fieldman in the Coyote Predation Management Program for coyote predation on livestock. Livestock is defined by the *Agricultural Pests Act* as “cattle, sheep, diversified livestock animals within the meaning of the *Livestock Industry Diversification Act*, goats, and other captive ruminants, swine, horses and poultry”.
5. The Agricultural Services Department administering the provincial programming by:
 - i. Being appointed as inspectors under the *Agricultural Pests Act* (APA).

- ii. Holding a valid *Form 7 Permit for Coyote and Skunk Control on Another Person's Land*.
- iii. Holding a valid Vendor and Service Registration with the Province of Alberta to distribute Compound 1080.
- iv. Following the guidelines as outlined in the *Coyote Predation Control Manual and Study Guide* distributed by Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation.
- v. Producers who experience confirmed livestock predation, who undergo an on-site inspection by the Agricultural Fieldman, and who have multiple herd management practices in place may be issued a *Form 8 Permit- To Use Coyote or Skunk Control Material or Devices on Own Land* and a maximum of six (6) Compound 1080, a predacide, for the control of coyotes, by the Agricultural Fieldman.
 1. All unused Compound 1080 must be returned to the issuing Agricultural Fieldman after 30 days.
 2. For subsequent inspections, fees apply in accordance with *Special Areas Policy 04-04 Rates in Effect*.

SCOPE

Applicable Legislation and References

- *Special Areas Act* (RSA 2000, S-16)
- *Agricultural Service Board Act* (RSA 2000, A-10)
- *Agricultural Pests Act* (2008, W-5.1)
- *Livestock Industry Diversification Act* (RSA 2000, C L-17)
- All attendant Regulations and SAB policies
- Coyote Predation Control Manual and Study Guide

APPROVAL:

To be reviewed on an annual basis by the Agricultural Service Boards and changes approved by the SAB/ Chair.



Jordon Christianson, Chair
Special Areas Board