

State of Agriculture Disaster Declared

Beaver County Council Declares State of Agricultural Disaster to Raise Awareness to Provincial and Federal Governments.

October 17, 2018 - Beaver County Council has declared a State of Agricultural Disaster in response to the extreme variability in weather conditions which has affected local producers.

Below average rainfall through the summer months compounded with persistent rain and snowfall throughout harvest has impacted producers across the agricultural community within Beaver County.

As of the October 9, 2018 Alberta Crop Report only 44% of major crops in the North East and Central regions of Alberta have been harvested, 35% below the five-year average. In addition to poor harvest conditions, inconsistent rainfall during the summer months has severely impacted hay and forage production in the region.

Growing conditions over the 2018 season has left producers scrambling to find feed to get livestock through the winter months. While harvest conditions have left fields inaccessible, and crop yield and quality negatively impacted. These factors have created financial strain for many local producers.

County Council issued the declaration of Agricultural Disaster to encourage the Provincial and Federal Governments to initiate necessary programs that can provide relief to producers. In the past, such relief has ranged from income tax deferral programs to Farm Disaster Assistance programs that could help with such matters.

County Council also acknowledges the mental stresses this season has placed on producers and would like to encourage those experiencing these stresses to contact Family and Community Support Services for support during these difficult times.

The most recent Alberta Crop Report and options for un-harvested acres can be found on the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry website at <http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca>. Information pertaining to crop insurance is available at www.afsc.ca.

For any additional information please contact Aimee Boese, Agricultural Fieldman, at (780) 663-3730.

2018 Construction Schedule

Schedule is subject to change depending on the weather.

**ECD – Estimated Completion Date

TASK	START DATE	PROJECTED END DATE	UPDATE – OCT 24
Culvert Maintenance	Apr 24	Oct 30	Ongoing
TWP RD 492 TerraCem Phase 1 (Cement) Phase 2 (1 st lift of chip seal) Phase 3 (2 nd lift of chip seal)	Jun 11	Sept 5	Phase 1 – Complete Phase 2 – Complete Phase 3 – Complete Sweeping – Complete
RGE RD 201 TerraCem Phase 1 (Cement) Phase 2 (1 st lift of chip seal) Phase 3 (2 nd lift of chip seal)	Jul 2	Sept 6	Phase 1 – Complete Phase 2 – Complete Phase 3 – Complete Sweeping – Complete
TWP RD 510 TerraCem Phase 1 (Cement) Phase 2 (1 st lift of chip seal) Phase 3 (2 nd lift of chip seal)	Jul 4	Sept 6	Phase 1 – Complete Phase 2 – Complete Phase 3 – Complete Sweeping – Complete
TWP RD 512 TerraCem Phase 1 (Cement) Phase 2 (1 st lift of chip seal) Phase 3 (2 nd lift of chip seal)	Jul 12	Sept 7	Phase 1 – Complete Phase 2 – Complete Phase 3 - Complete
RGE RD 191 TerraCem Phase 1 (Cement) Phase 2 (1 st lift of chip seal) Phase 3 (2 nd lift of chip seal)	Jul 19	Sept 7	Phase 1 – Complete Phase 2 – Complete
TWP RD 512 TerraCem 2nd location Phase 1 (Cement) Phase 2 (1 st lift of chip seal) Phase 3 (2 nd lift of chip seal)	Aug 20	Sept 6	Phase 1 – Complete Phase 2 – Complete
TWP RD 482 TerraCem Phase 1 (Cement) Phase 2 (Tacked) Phase 3 (Lift of chip seal)	Sept 4	Sept 28	Phase 1 – Complete Phase 2 – Complete Phase 3 – ECD – Mid Oct
Bridge Construction RGE RD 184 between TWP RD 494 and TWP RD 500	Aug 15	Oct 15	Bridge will be closed to public traffic during construction
Oiling RR 202	Aug 13	Aug 17	Completed
Patching Oil	Jul 23	Sept 28	Ongoing
Patching/Shoulder Pulls	Aug 28	Sep 30	
Backsloping- TBD	Oct 2	Oct 31	
Gravelling	Apr 24	July 20	Complete
Dust Control- 1st Application	May 22	Jun 22	Complete
Dust Control- 2nd Application	Jul 30	Aug 18	Complete