

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.

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LEST WE FORGET

Beaver County salutes the service, commitment and sacrifices made by the men and women in uniform – past, present and future. Thank you for serving and protecting our country. Offices at Beaver County will be closed Monday, November 12, 2018 in observance of Remembrance Day. Offices will reopen Tuesday November 13, 2018

Upcoming Community Events

Come Remember With Us!!

Sunday, November 11

**Legion – Cenotaph
at 11am**

Holden Museum

12pm – 4pm

4928 50 Ave

(780)688-3593

email: holdenmuseum@gmail.com

Holden Christmas Market

Saturday, November 17

Holden Community Hall

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ryley Christmas Tree Light Up

Saturday, December 1

Mainstreet Park, Ryley 5:30 pm