

NEWS RELEASE



DECLARATION OF STATE OF AGRICULTURAL DISASTER

On July 29, 2015 the County of Two Hills Council unanimously declared a state of Agricultural disaster for the County of Two Hills No. 21. This declaration was made to call attention to the severe drought conditions seen throughout the County, although some areas have recently received significant rain, with the lack of moisture in some areas this resulted in little to no hay, silage or pasture. The insignificant rainfall received across the County has left crops stunted. Producers are encouraged to consult AFSC or visit their website for updated information on assistance programs.

The Two Hills County Council issued this declaration of Agricultural Disaster to encourage the Provincial and Federal Governments to initiate necessary programs that may provide relief to producers. In the past, such relief has varied from income tax deferral programs to Farm Disaster Assistance programs that could assist with such matters as the emergency supply of cattle feed.

County declares State of Agricultural Disaster

Motion:

County of Two Hills Council declares a local State of Agricultural Disaster due to the hardship weather conditions and drought have placed on local farmers. The County of Two Hills will notify Provincial and Federal Governments of the State of Agricultural Disaster and request a disaster recovery program be set up to address this agricultural disaster. Producers are encouraged to contact AFSC at 1.877.899.2372 or visit their website -- www.afsc.ca -- for the most updated information.

For information regarding the declaration of Agricultural Disaster contact the County of Two Hills Agricultural Services Department. Agricultural Fieldman, Elden Kozak (780)657-3358.