

DECLARATION OF STATE OF AGRICULTURAL DISASTER

On August 31, 2026 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 excess moisture that has been seen throughout the County. Across the entire County, Crops are flooded, hay land and pastures have water sitting everywhere, crop yields and quality are extremely poor, and feed quality is extremely poor. Due to the amount of moisture received this spring, many producers struggled to get the crops planted, thus numerous quarter sections were not seeded, the significant rainfall received across the County has left crops decimated. Producers have been faced with record amounts of rain in this growing season, and the financial hardships will be affecting every producer in our Municipality. Producers are encouraged to consult AFSC or visit their website for updated information on assistance programs.

The County of Two Hills 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 decimated crops, flooded fields and very poor-quality hay crops.

The County of Two Hills Council declares a local State of Agricultural Disaster due to the hardship weather conditions and excessive moisture and flooding 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 at 780-657-3358.

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