

**Policy statement**

Leduc County will provide information and programs approved by the Agricultural Service Board to encourage production, profitability, and sustainability of the agriculture industry in Leduc County.

**Policy authority**

Agricultural Program Services will be initiated and maintained through the annually approved Agricultural Services departmental budget. These programs will align with the Leduc County Strategic Plan.

**Policy standards**

1. Staff will maintain awareness and knowledge about current factors affecting the local agricultural industry to enable a responsive approach to information and program support.
2. Programs, policies, and procedures will be implemented for approved Agricultural Services programs.
3. Maintain communication with the federal and provincial governments for awareness of their current programs and any updates to the agricultural industry.
4. Programs will be developed to meet the needs of the agricultural industry and Leduc County residents.

**Policy responsibilities**

*Council responsibilities:*

Council will,

- Approve the Agricultural Program Services policy.
- Review and approve programs to respond to the needs of the agricultural industry and residents of Leduc County.

Agricultural Service Board will,

- Review and recommend to Council programs to respond to the needs of the agricultural industry and residents of Leduc County.

*Administration responsibilities:*

Administration will,

- Review this policy as required to ensure that the policy complies with all current, relevant legislation and municipal policies.
- Ensure staff receive training opportunities on topics relevant to the agricultural industry.
- Ensure that all programs are budgeted for accordingly.
- Provide knowledge and support to residents regarding available programs and updates.
- Identify the needs of residents and industry within Leduc County in relation to agriculture and provide reporting to the Agricultural Service Board.

**Monitoring and updating**

- This policy should be reviewed every five years.

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