

**Policy statement**

Leduc County supports exemption permits be granted to producers to transport qualified agricultural commodities at axle weights above road bans during the spring road ban season.

**Definitions**

*Agricultural Producer* means a rancher or farmer who produces crops, or breeds livestock, or feed livestock prior to slaughter through day-to-day labor and field operations.

*Eligible commodity* are commodities for food production including:

- Commodities being hauled to a terminal or market
- Seed stock being hauled to location for planting by a producer
- Seed stock and fertilizers being hauled by the producer (e.g., seed cleaning)
- Livestock being hauled by the producer

*Ineligible commodities* would include the following:

- Clearing of land and hauling logs away
- Corral cleaning (by a company)

**Policy authority**

*Legislative implications:*

- *Municipal Government Act (MGA), RSA 2000*

*Bylaw implications:*

- Leduc County Traffic Bylaw, latest revision thereof

**Policy standards**

1. During the spring road ban season and prior to moving, Agricultural Producers must receive a road ban exemption permit from Leduc County’s permit provider to haul an eligible commodity. Approval of the road ban exemption permit and any other products will be at the discretion of the Director, Road Operations and Agricultural Services or their designate according to current road conditions. The exemption permit applies to the producer and all working parties associated with the primary producer who is the owner of the commodities being transported. Producers will be required to contact Road Operations 24 hours before the move so that the roads can be monitored as required.

**Policy responsibilities**

*Council responsibilities:*

Council will,

- Approve the Road Ban Exemption Permits for Agriculture policy.

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*Administration responsibilities:*

Director, Road Operations and Agricultural Services will,

- Maintain, update, and adhere to this policy.
- Ensure that the appropriate resources are available to meet the service levels.

Manager, Operations will,

- Be responsible for ensuring that the appropriate staff adheres to this policy.

**Monitoring and updating**

- This policy will be posted on Leduc County’s website.
- This policy will be reviewed at least once every four years.

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