



MEDIA RELEASE

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DECLARATION OF A MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURAL DISASTER

At a Special Council Meeting held on August 11, 2026, Smoky Lake County Council unanimously voted to declare a Municipal Agricultural Disaster in response to the ongoing excess moisture and extremely saturated conditions impacting the region.

A municipal declaration does not automatically provide financial assistance to producers or create a relief program. Rather, it is intended to formally recognize the significant challenges local agricultural producers are experiencing and are expected to continue facing in the weeks and months ahead.

The declaration also emphasizes the vital role agriculture plays in Smoky Lake County, Alberta and the broader Canadian and global food supply chain.

As part of the declaration, Smoky Lake County will send letters to the Provincial Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food outlining the current conditions and advocating for support and assistance for the local agricultural community.

Smoky Lake County recognizes that prolonged adverse conditions can place significant financial, emotional and mental strain on farmers and ranchers. You do not have to face these challenges alone. If you or someone you know is struggling, please reach out for support.

- NATIONAL FARMER CRISIS LINE: 1-866-327-6701 (1-866-FARMS01)
https://ccaw.ca/national-farmer-crisis_line/
- SUICIDE CRISIS HELP LINE : Call: 9-8-8 Text: 9-8-8 or visit: 988.ca
- Do More Agriculture Foundation: <https://www.domore.ag/>



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Information and Resources for Producers

Producers are encouraged to stay informed and monitor available resources:

- **Alberta Moisture Situation Updates:** https://open.alberta.ca/publications/moisture-situation-update?utm_source=chatgpt.com
- **Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC):** Information on available agricultural assistance programs and resources is available at <https://afsc.ca/>

Smoky Lake County will continue to monitor conditions and advocate for the local agricultural community as the impacts of excess moisture continue to develop.