

# GRASS ROUTES



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## VXV FARMS WINS 2016 ESA

Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) presented VXV Farms and the Vandervalk family with the 2016 Environmental Stewardship Award at the Annual General Meeting in December. Each year, ABP recognizes an operation that demonstrates leadership in environmental stewardship – one that contributes to the land while maintaining productivity and profitability.

Jack Vandervalk moved to southern Alberta in 1956 and has been managing the ranch situated in the Porcupine Hills ever since. Together with his wife Merry and their son Gerald and his family, they run a cow calf operation with retained ownership to slaughter.

“It is my personal desire to make sure the land is better than when I found it. It is a goal of mine to keep trying to make it better. In my opinion, the cow is what we harvest our grass with and the grass harvests the sun,” said Jack.

Rotational grazing and unique water management systems have played roles in the stewardship success of the ranch. Throughout the summer they rotational

graze their tame grass, moving cattle every two or three days to allow for adequate rest periods. The native grass is utilized during the winter months to lower feed costs.

“We are privileged to take advantage of flood irrigation. The landscape that we have allows us to flood our tame grass pastures with minimal costs outside labour,” said Gerald.

Numerous dams have been developed which are equipped with water troughs made from recycled mine truck tires. Turning old tires into watering systems has become a secondary business on the ranch. The excess tire materials have been used to build a wind fence to protect the cattle during the colder winter season.

The Vandervalk family is actively involved with various community landowner and stewardship groups. Through the Lyndon Creek Conservation Group they worked on projects with neighbouring ranches, Cows and Fish has done riparian area work on their site, and Alberta Conservation Association worked with them on rotational grazing and off-stream watering projects.

“We have future generations coming and it’s important to have a place to call home... that they can easily take over and maintain what we’ve started,” said Gerald. ▼



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## NEW TRAILS

After making the theme of our 2014 Annual Report, A Year of Change, the theme of our 2015 Annual Report was Travelling New Trails. The cattle and beef producers of Alberta and Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) have certainly been travelling new trails for this past year, especially last fall. The first new trail was set when the people of Alberta elected a new government for the first time in almost 44 years last May. Then, the people of Canada elected a new government after almost 10 years of Conservative Party government. Now we are travelling a trail that is being blazed by an NDP government in Alberta and a Liberal government in Canada.

At ABP, we will have new travelling partners with us on the trails this year. We pride ourselves on being a democratic and representative organization of producers and we see elections and renewal of our representatives as critical elements of our connection to grassroots producers and our work done on their behalf. Although good weather and strong prices do not normally lead to high attendance at our fall meetings, we had close to 900 producers attend our 23 meetings across the province last fall. In addition to delegate elections and a review of ABP activities over the year, producers at the meetings participated in good discussions of industry issues, and focused on the need for increased industry funding for critical research and marketing work.

We were happy to have elections for delegates in five of our nine zones and we welcomed 12 new producer delegates to ABP. At the Annual

General Meeting (AGM), our delegates elected five new directors to the ABP Board. With these elections, almost a quarter of our delegates and directors are new to their positions. There is always some sadness when colleagues leave an organization and we thank them for their contribution to our industry, but we are excited to have new and some younger faces in our delegate body and at the board table. We value the wisdom and experience that our experienced delegates and directors bring to the organization, but the new ideas and fresh perspectives help ABP grow and adapt to the opportunities and challenges of the future.

After successful fall meetings and despite the turmoil created by Bill 6, we enjoyed one of our best Annual General Meetings (AGM) in years at the beginning of December. Our Board of Directors and senior staff had attended a meeting facilitation workshop in the fall and we had great success using one of the interactive techniques from the workshop to stimulate discussion among the delegates about Bill 6 and the industry funding issue. The renewal of our organization continued at the executive level as we celebrated Greg Bowie's two years of strong and effective leadership as ABP Chair. I had the honour of being elected Chair of ABP by our new Board of Directors and I am glad to be joined on the Executive by Roland Cailliau and new executive member Charlie Christie.

With our new board and the work of our strong staff, we will be dealing with a number of exciting developments in 2016. This marks the year when McDonald's will begin sourcing verified sustainable beef for their restaurants. I have been involved in the McDonald's Verified Sustainable Beef Pilot Project, along with other ABP directors and delegates, and this project will be completed at the end of March. At that time, the process for verifying sustainable beef will be turned over to the Canadian Roundtable for

Sustainable Beef (CRSB). The CRSB has worked hard over the past year to produce a sustainability assessment for our industry, a set of sustainability indicators that will be compatible with the McDonald's indicators, and a verification process that will be acceptable for McDonald's and all other retail and foodservice customers.

We will also be dealing with industry funding. After making the need for increased industry funding a major topic of our conversations with producers over the past two years, we decided to more formally seek direction on this issue during our fall meetings this year. We presented the case for more industry funding and options for increasing funding through the National Check-off and provincial service charge to the near 900 producers at 23 meetings across the province. There was good discussion at these meetings, consistent support for increased industry funding, and clear direction in the form of resolutions and straw votes. After further discussion among the delegates at the AGM, we now have direction to pursue an increase in the National Check-off to \$2.50 per marketing and continue working with the Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association and the Alberta government for a return to some form of a non-refundable provincial service charge.

As you see, our new trails will certainly be interesting and challenging. With the support of the cattle and beef producers in Alberta, I am confident that the board and staff at ABP can meet these challenges and find new opportunities for producers and our industry. Have a Happy New Year and best wishes for a productive and profitable year in 2016. ▼



**RICH SMITH**  
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## BUMPY ROADS

In his article, new ABP Chair Bob Lowe described the new trails that ABP and our industry will travel this year and introduced our new travelling partners. Not all of these trails will be easy going. With new governments in Edmonton and Ottawa, we can expect some bumps in the road as we develop a working relationship based on mutual understanding of our interests and priorities.

With the prolonged federal election campaign, the Alberta government did not move quickly to implement drastic changes people were expecting to see from the NDP. However, the time since the federal election has seen a flurry of activity. Alberta now has increased personal and corporate income taxes, a substantially increased minimum wage, a Climate Leadership action plan that includes a carbon tax and a rather rapid move away from coal-fired electrical generation, an energy royalty review, and sweeping changes in labour legislation affecting farm and ranch workers. ABP made a presentation to the Climate Change Advisory Panel that highlighted the steps our industry has taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the positive impact of cattle operations on rangelands, biodiversity and carbon sequestration. We are pleased that our sector was not made an obvious target for further reductions in the Climate Leadership plan, but we don't know what the impacts of the plan will be for cattle and beef producers.

The government certainly rocked the farmers and ranchers of Alberta with the introduction of Bill 6, the

Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, in November. The Act will create significant changes for farmers, ranchers, and their employees in the areas of occupational health and safety (OH&S), workers' compensation (WCB), employment standards, and labour relations. ABP has been working on farm and ranch safety with industry partners and the government for six years and we have been involved in extensive consultations on farm and ranch labour legislation for the past year. We were very disturbed that these consultations did not have more influence on the direction of the legislative changes. ABP joined farmers, ranchers, and all livestock and crop boards and commissions in asking for a delay in the passage of Bill 6 until there was sufficient consultation with farmers and ranchers and clarity on the impact of the bill on farms and ranches.

Bill 6 created uproar in rural Alberta that was greater than anything we have seen in recent memory. Even after the government introduced amendments to Bill 6 that exempt farm and ranch owners, family members, friends and neighbours from the OH&S and WCB parts of the bill, thousands of farmers and ranchers swamped town hall meetings, drove highways with tractors and farm equipment in protest, and demonstrated at the legislature. With a large number of farm and ranch workers now exempt from OH&S standards, the bill no longer seems to be focused on improving the safety of all farm and ranch workers, but rather seems aimed at making it appear that paid employees on farms and ranches are treated in the same way as in other jurisdictions. The amendments will not improve farm and ranch safety or provide clarity for those farms and ranches with paid employees, they will create unwelcome divisions in rural communities.

Bill 6 was forced through the Alberta legislature over the widespread and vocal opposition of producers and

MLAs from across the province. ABP was extremely disappointed that the calls for a delay in passage of the bill were not heeded. Going forward, ABP will be working with the crop and livestock boards and commissions to hold the government to its promise to consult with producers on the regulations for employment standards, labour relations, and the OH&S Code. We will be working to make sure that these regulations respect the unique nature of farm and ranch work and are practical for farmers and ranchers. We will continue to press for changes in the legislation that will allow farmers and ranchers to select the best insurance coverage for their employees and their operations without being forced into mandatory WCB coverage.

We have new staff members helping us to negotiate these bumpy roads. After setting an objective this year of enhancing our level of contact and influence with the provincial government, we were pleased to enter an agreement with CCA to have Tom Lynch-Staunton take a joint position working on issues management for CCA and government relations for ABP. The retirement of Barb Sweetland, our Marketing and Education Manager, and Claudia Young, our Receptionist, brought us sadness because we will miss them, but it also gives us an opportunity for renewal of our staff. Now, both our Board of Directors and our staff have an excellent combination of experience and new perspectives to help us work on the opportunities and the challenges that the New Year will bring to producers and our industry. ▼



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# BEEF CODE OF PRACTICE CHANGES

The Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Beef Cattle was updated and released in early 2013. It contains some changes that producers should be aware of with regards to castration and dehorning.

## Code requirements: Castration

- Castration must be performed by competent personnel using proper, clean, well-maintained instruments and accepted techniques.
- Seek guidance from your veterinarian on the optimum method and timing of castration, as well as the availability and advisability of pain control for castrating beef cattle.
- Castrate calves as young as practically possible.
- **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016:** Use pain control, in consultation with your veterinarian, when castrating bulls older than nine months of age.
- **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018:** Use pain control, in consultation with your veterinarian, when castrating bulls older than six months of age.

## Code requirements: Dehorning

- Dehorning must be performed only by competent personnel using proper, well-maintained tools and accepted techniques.
- Seek guidance from your veterinarian on the availability and advisability of pain control for disbudding or dehorning beef cattle.

- Disbud calves as early as practically possible, while horn development is still at the horn bud stage (typically 2-3 months).
- **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016:** Use pain control, in consultation with your veterinarian to mitigate pain associated with dehorning calves after horn bud attachment.

The Beef Code of Practice is available online at [www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/beef-cattle](http://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/beef-cattle), or hard copies can be requested from the ABP office. The Beef Cattle Research Council also has a new video and section on their website specifically dealing with pain mitigation at [www.beefresearch.ca/pain](http://www.beefresearch.ca/pain).

A number of products exist that can help you meet the code requirements if you are castrating after six months of age or dehorning after the horn buds have become attached to the skull. However, some of these may have to be used extra-label and all require a veterinary prescription. A new type of meloxicam is now available (administered orally, but not labelled for in-feed use) and is labelled to provide pain relief for both castration and dehorning. Consult with your veterinarian about which product would work best for your operation.

If you are castrating/disbudding during the first few weeks of life, these changes to the Code do not affect you. Remember - do it early, and count to two. ▼

# 13 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT RESEARCH ABP FUNDS

1. ABP funds research in the areas of beef quality, food safety, feed grains and feed efficiency, animal health and welfare, forage and grassland productivity and management, genetics and breeding, and economics and trade.
2. ABP funds both individual projects and larger initiatives, such as the feed grains and annual forage breeding program at the Field Crop Development Centre in Lacombe, and the Beef Cattle Industry Science Clusters I and II.
3. Since 2007, ABP has funded or is currently funding 46 individual projects.
4. The \$1.7 million dollar investment in feed grains and annual forage breeding program at Lacombe, which began in 2008, has aided in the development of 10 new barley and three new triticale varieties to date. This investment also ensured the continuation and expansion of this program, which was in danger of shifting its focus to ethanol production at the time the investment was made.
5. Since 2009, ABP has invested \$1 million in the Beef Cattle Industry Science Clusters as stand-alone contributions, thereby indirectly funding 58 completed and ongoing projects.
6. From 2007-2010 ABP was able to invest \$3.88 million in research activities (roughly \$1 million/year). From 2011-2015 ABP was able to invest \$1.08 million (roughly \$200,000 per year). In 2011 and 2012, ABP had a reserve fund to draw upon for research funding. The ABP research budget in 2014 and 2015 has been \$50,000 per year.

**7.** ABP has been able to maintain its commitment to research by leveraging outside (largely government) funds. However, heavy reliance on outside funds leaves beef research increasingly susceptible to government policy and budget decisions.

**8.** From 2007-2010, each dollar invested by ABP in individual projects was matched by \$5.66 from other funding sources. From 2011-2015, each dollar invested by ABP was matched by \$8.09 from other funding sources. However, total research funding from all sources has been steadily declining during that time frame, so even though we are able to stretch our limited dollars further, the overall pool of dollars available for research is shrinking.

**9.** By investing in both individual projects and larger program funding, ABP is able to extend the benefits from shorter-term project funding results to producers, and able to support longer term, incremental research under a wider portfolio of research areas.

**10.** Research funded by ABP has led to a new forage oat variety, a more accurate diagnostic test for vibrio, demonstrated that 99.9% of animals transported arrive at their destination safely, determined that every dollar generated by the beef industry generates \$4.20 elsewhere in the Canadian economy, developed best management practices for Johne's disease in beef cattle, found that certain forages can suppress the growth of foxtail barley and downy brome on saline soils, increased the understanding of residual feed intake (feed efficiency) in pasture situations, provided field data to suggest that antimicrobial drugs most commonly used in human medicine are rarely used in beef production, and much more.

**11.** ABP has also financially supported the Rangeland Research Institute, and the Alberta Beef Forage and Grazing Centre.

**12.** In 2015, ABP partnered with the Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency to deliver a \$1 million research call on forages, which will be funding seven confirmed projects in the areas of breeding, quantification of varietal and species differences in different eco-zones, and pasture management.

**13.** More information can be found at [www.albertabeef.org/page/research](http://www.albertabeef.org/page/research) and [www.beefresearch.ca](http://www.beefresearch.ca). ▼

## COYOTE MATTERS

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In a study of central Alberta in the late 1960s carrion provided half of the coyotes' food and was especially important in winter. Coyotes also hunt mice, rabbits, gophers, voles and deer in some areas that help keep these species in an ecosystem balance. Leaving deadstock in the field for disposal assuming coyotes will do some of the clean up creates a dependence on carrion, as food tends to draw more coyotes into an

area to find continued supplies, the population cycle spirals upward.

In summary, ABP's recent resolutions at the AGM dealing with livestock predation provided good discussion and considerable direction. Poor cattle field management and lack of government support to increase funds were the ABP delegate's reasoning not to get into the politics of changing the Wildlife Act's list of predators.

Management information can be found in Alberta government coyote control literature at <http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/general/progserv.nsf/all/pgmsrv403>. ▼

## ABP 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The 2016 Executive was elected. Bob Lowe (Nanton) was elected Chair, Roland Cailliau (Valleyview) was elected Vice Chair, and Charlie Christie (Trochu) joins the Executive as Finance Chair. Greg Bowie (Ponoka) will continue to provide guidance to the Executive as Past Chair.

ABP welcomes the newly elected 2016 Board of Directors (T-B L-R): Lyndon Mansell (Innisfree), Bryan Thiessen (Strathmore), Howard Bekkering (Vauxhall), John Buckley (Cochrane), Norm Hennigar (Grande Prairie), Rick Friesen (Vauxhall), Tim Sekura (Rocky Rapids), Tim Smith (Coronation), Cecilie Fleming (Granum), Melanie Wowk (Beauvallon), Charlie Christie (Trochu), Bob Lowe (Nanton), Roland Cailliau (Valleyview), Kelly Fraser (Red Deer County), and Chris Israelson (Didsbury). Not pictured: Colin Campbell (Bon Accord).



**FRED HAYS**  
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# COYOTE MATTERS

Many beef producers continue to have coyote issues on their property. The Miistakis Institute review done last year based on producer surveys indicated that about 65 percent of all beef producers in Alberta experienced coyote impacts in a year including financial and management time. Total predation loss for all predator species, including coyotes, was about \$2 million per year. Alberta Agriculture and Forestry “Coyote Predation of Livestock” manual estimates about 75 percent of all predation losses in the province are due to coyotes.

ABP’s Wildlife Committee continues to work on projects through governments, MDs and counties to try to reduce these losses for producers - it is an ongoing issue. During the last Annual General Meeting in December four resolutions were initiated to address this problem. Some will move forward but one would not.

Producer support of wildlife is viewed, in part, as a service to the community. Society wants to support wildlife populations as a contribution to the aesthetics of the countryside, and producers use the land to earn their livings. They can participate in providing wildlife habitat with acknowledgment of this contribution.

Wildlife predation continues to be a sore point with some producers. Livestock losses go on the expense

side of the ledger and little seems to be done on the revenue side to maintain their contribution to wildlife. Increased reports of wolf and coyote predation in parts of the province continue while wildlife officers cannot always address these in a timely manner, or have difficulty determining the cause of the problem. One resolution encouraged increased provincial government funding for wildlife predation and was supported.

In Alberta coyotes are not considered to be predators under the Wildlife Act, but pests under the Agricultural Pests Act. Other provinces, such as B.C., Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario include coyotes as part of their predator package and compensate livestock losses for that reason. The general thinking is that coyotes, similar to predators such as wolves, cougar, grizzly bear, black bear and eagles, are causing major problems and should be compensated for accordingly from the Alberta Conservation Association hunting tag fund.

**Predator Compensation Paid in Alberta during the Past Five Years.**

	Wildlife Compensation	Shot Livestock	Total Livestock Expense	Revenue Hunting Tags	Compensation to Tag Sales, %
2010	\$195,326	\$16,253	\$211,579	\$6,111,344	3.5%
2011	\$274,073	\$22,774	\$296,847	\$6,162,630	4.8%
2012	\$125,799	\$15,000	\$140,799	\$6,642,848	2.1%
2013	\$326,118	\$10,978	\$337,096	\$6,942,016	4.9%
2014	\$347,034	\$1,282	\$348,316	\$7,136,240	4.9%

Predator payouts determined by Alberta Fish and Wildlife and processed through Alberta Conservation Association administration are shown in the table. These range between \$141,000 to \$340,000 for the past five years, or up to five percent of hunting tag sales.

Two of ABP’s resolutions involved an increase in funding for wildlife predation, increasing the number of wildlife officers for predation action and providing compensation for predation by coyotes. Part of the resolve lies with the government’s view on increasing support of present

programs and the interpretation of predation and pests.

Another resolution dealt with having coyotes placed on the predator list under the Wildlife Act. Some discussion from the floor included not wanting to provide public compensation for poor coyote management. Some revolved around questioning the sustainability of compensation payouts from the province for something that can be managed by producers with the help of the municipalities and counties.

Control through the Wildlife Act could invariably mean the loss of some control tools such as help with poisons, traps and eradication by county staff. Having coyotes on the predation list under the Wildlife Act was defeated.

**Coyote Bounties in Alberta from 2009 to 2014.**

MD or County	Coyote Numbers	Bounty Paid
Bonnyville	220-240 since 2013	\$15.00
Minburn	240 since 2011	\$15.00
Newell	10,000 since 2010	\$15.00
St. Paul	7,500 since 2013	\$15.00
Taber	2,000 to 2,500 since 2010	\$10.00
Two Hills	4,000 since 2010	\$15.00

In 2007, Alberta reintroduced carnivore bounties, but most jurisdictions do not support wildlife bounties. About 20 percent of the land in Alberta is covered by coyote bounties. Official numbers show 20,000 to 30,000 coyotes are trapped in Alberta each year, and over the past five years about 25,000 coyotes were removed under bounty programs in six different counties shown in the table above.

A recent scientific review in the journal ANIMALS indicated that bounty programs don’t really work to manage coyote problems all that well. Biologists recommend destroying dominant resident animals coming from outlying territories rather than broad destruction of all coyotes in the local region. The aggressive, dominant animals seem to be the ones causing most of the problems.

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# AGM REPORT: RESOLUTIONS

“Be it resolved that ABP support the National Check-off Levy increase to \$2.50.”

**Zone 1, 2, 3, 4 5, 6, 8 – Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Provincial government to return to a \$2 non-refundable Service Charge of which 60 cents will be put towards a restricted fund for marketing, research and collaboration.”

**Zone 1, 2, 3, 5 – Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Provincial government to return to a \$2 non-refundable Service Charge of which 60 cents will be put towards a restricted fund for marketing, research and collaboration, but if that fails go to a \$5 check-off.”

**Zone 3 – Defeated**

“Be it resolved that we approve a non-refundable check-off of \$3 per head with a portion of the check-off be dedicated to marketing and research.”

**Zone 5 – Redundant**

“Be it resolved that ABP work on a non-refundable Service Charge with a portion being put in a restricted fund to be negotiated with industry partners.”

**Zone 4 – Redundant**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government for the Service Charge be made non-refundable.”

**Zone 4, 5, 6, 8 – Redundant**

“Be it resolved that any increase in check-off must be approved by a majority of Alberta cattle producers.”

**Zone 3 – Defeated**

“Be it resolved that only one member of a family or ranch unit should sit as a delegate or board member in a zone.”

**Zone 6 – Defeated**

“Be it resolved that ABP ask for actions of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to be more transparent and accountable.”

**Zone 6 – Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP ask the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals that food animals not be assessed with the same scrutiny as pets.”

**Zone 6 – Defeated**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Provincial government and Alberta Financial Services Corporation to change the pricing methodology used when determining forage compensation rates for production shortfalls and apply the same price discovery methods as are used by AgriStability to establish a market price for forage.”

**Zone 6 – Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government to permanently honor the grazing allotments/ preference quotas in the Eastern Slopes.”

**Zone 2 – Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP continue to work with Alberta Grazing Lease Association, Western Stock Growers Association and the Northern Alberta Grazing Association to lobby and influence present government policy concerning grazing lease matters.”

**Zone 1 – Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government for more funding for testing of all contaminants in fresh farm water wells”

**Zone 8 – Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government to increase the payout for cattle submitted for BSE testing from \$75 per head to \$225.”

**Zone 8 – Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government for an increase in funding for wildlife predation.”

**Zone 8 – Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government for more wildlife officers for predation action.”

**Zone 8 – Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta government to provide beef producers’ compensation for predation by coyotes.”

**Zone 2 – Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government to put coyotes on the Predator list along with wolves.”

**Zone 9 – Defeated**

“Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta government to restore diagnostic veterinary pathology lab facilities for food producing animals in Northern Alberta (Fairview) in light of the fact that southern and central Alberta have such a service through the Veterinary College in Calgary.”

**Zone 9 – Carried**

“Be it resolved that the 2014-2015 ABP audited financial statements and auditor’s report be accepted.”

**Board – Carried**

“Be it resolved that the firm of Kingston Ross Pasnak chartered accountants be appointed as auditors for 2015-2016 year-end audit.”

**Board – Carried**

“Be it resolved that we continue to work on a plan that embraces beneficial outcomes for both ABP and the Alberta Cattle Feeders Association in our efforts to advance the industry.”

**Board – Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP move our producer meetings to the end of November and our AGM into January.”

**Floor – Defeated**

“Be it resolved that we continue to lobby the provincial government to guarantee farmers and ranchers access to crown land for grazing purposes.”

**Floor – Carried**

“Be it resolved that ABP continue to lobby the Government of Alberta to ensure that Occupational Health & Safety inspectors for farming operations are knowledgeable in all aspects of livestock and farm equipment, preferably with practical hands on experience.”

**Floor – Carried ▼**

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**ZONE 2 INCLUDES:** County of Warner No. 5; County of Lethbridge No.26; Cardston County; M.D. of Pincher Creek; M.D. of Willow Creek; M.D. of Ranchlands; Improvement District No. 4 (Waterton); Kananaskis Improvement District.



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**ZONE 3 INCLUDES:** Wheatland County; Mountain View County; M.D. of Bighorn; M.D. of Foothills; M.D. of Rockyview; Improvement District No. 9 (Banff); Calgary.



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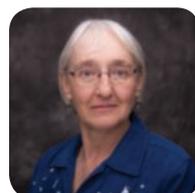
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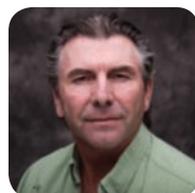
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