

<p>Policy and Procedures Manual: The Municipal District of Spirit River No.133</p> <p>Policy No. ASB.24</p>	<p>INVASIVE SPECIES AND WEED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS</p>
<p>Department: AGRICULTURE</p>	<p>Amended Date: September 21st, 2022.</p>
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<p>Related Procedure: BYLAW 07-2022 Previous Review Dates: December 16th 2010 / April 4, 2002</p>	<p>Council Resolution No.: 262.09.21.22</p>

Policy Statement:

The Agricultural Service Board (A.S.B.) shall develop and implement programs that will prevent further spread of invasive species, noxious and prohibitive noxious weeds as per the **Weed Control Act, Statutes of Alberta 2008 and Bylaw 07-2022 Invasive Species Bylaw**, control and eliminate infestations of existing invasive species and weed problems and prevent the spread of identified new invasive species and weeds within the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133.

Procedure:

1. Establish a continuing awareness campaign through such events as farm calls, kitchen meetings, tours, newsletters, or local media resources.
2. Hire and train sufficient support staff to complete the invasive species and weed management program within A.S.B. budget guidelines.
3. The A.S.B. staff will conduct invasive species and weed inspections and carry out enforcement as required in accordance with the Weed Control Act and Bylaw 07-2022 Invasive Species Bylaw.
4. The Agricultural Fieldman shall coordinate all agricultural management programs in such a manner so as each component compliments other programs.
5. The invasive species and weed management programs shall be reviewed and amended as required on an annual basis.