

Update on the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA) Review

The Alberta *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (AOPA) establishes a framework for resolving conflicts between agricultural producers and the public relating to nuisance and disturbance caused by agricultural operations and addresses manure handling and management storage standards and for all operations, including confined feeding operations (CFOs).

Regulations under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (AOPA) are slated to expire in June 2017, spurring the Ministry to explore the necessity of reviewing AOPA and its associated regulations. To assess this, the Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry worked with a multi-stakeholder group to review AOPA issues brought forward to the ministry by stakeholders since 2012. The AAMDC worked with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry in this process, along with Alberta's major crop and livestock industry groups, the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB).

Based on input received from the majority of stakeholders, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has decided to not proceed with the process of reviewing AOPA and its regulations at this time. Alberta Agriculture and Forestry has expressed that the government is committed to working with stakeholders to maintain the effective delivery of AOPA.

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