

REMINDER - Draft AAMDC Municipal Agriculture Disaster Declaration Guide Now Available

With a wet summer and early snowfall, it has been a challenging growing season and harvest for some areas of the province. As such, AAMDC is reminding members that the ***Draft Municipal Agriculture Disaster Declaration Guide*** may be a useful tool in monitoring crop conditions and identifying resources to support a municipal agriculture declaration.

The draft guide, developed in collaboration with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry and the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC), was developed to promote a consistent mechanism for data collection and monitoring to support municipal decision making and to guide the communications process when considering agricultural disaster declarations. Through the use of information provided in the draft guide, municipalities can bring awareness to a situation as it is developing and ensure all levels of government and local residents are aware of the situation, without immediately declaring it as a “disaster.”

The draft guide includes the following components:

- A condition statement tool
- Technical information that can be used to support data
- What a Government of Alberta declaration means
- An overview of municipal communication process in the event a disaster is declared
- Municipal agriculture disaster declaration template

The AAMDC is distributing this guide in its draft form for the 2016 year recognizing that improvements to this document and tools included could be made. AAMDC members are encouraged to utilize this guide and provide any input regarding its use or content to AAMDC Policy Analyst Tasha Blumenthal at tasha@aamdc.com. Any input is appreciated and feedback will be consolidated for improvements to the guide.

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