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## RMA Guide for Declaring Municipal Agricultural Disasters

*Guide to support members for declaring municipal agricultural disasters available online*

In recent years, excessive moisture and drought have resulted in municipalities declaring municipal agricultural disasters. To support members in this regard, the [RMA's Guide for Declaring Municipal Agricultural Disasters in Alberta](#) was developed. This resource was developed for municipalities to use as a tool for monitoring crop conditions and identifying resources to support the decision-making process when considering whether to declare an agricultural disaster at the municipal level.

The Guide, developed in collaboration with [Alberta Agriculture and Forestry](#) and the [Agriculture Financial Services Corporation](#) (AFSC), is intended to promote a consistent mechanism for data collection and monitoring to support municipal decision-making and to guide the communication process when considering agricultural disaster declarations.

The 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 the municipal communication process in the event a disaster is declared
- Municipal agriculture disaster declaration template

As identified in the Guide, municipalities who declare states of municipal agriculture disaster are requested to notify the RMA for information purposes.

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