

COUNTY OF TWO HILLS NO. 21

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Dear ASB Chairmen

The County of Two Hills Agricultural Service Board requested that I contact all ASB Chairmen in the N.E. Region to determine if there is sufficient interest for a Regional Coyote Reduction Program. It is felt that a Regional Program of this type would not only alleviate predation of farm livestock but also lessen the effect of coyotes encroaching on residences' where young children become vulnerable to these wild animals.

As you may be aware the County of Two Hills Agriculture Service Board ran a Coyote Reduction Incentive Program in December 2010 and in January, February, March and a portion of April 2011, coinciding with the extended livestock industry calving season. County residents were paid \$15.00 for each coyote brought to the ASB Office for verification and a total of 1299 coyotes were verified by our ASB Staff.

A significant decrease in the number of requests for 1080 coyote control poison, "Sodium Monoflouroacetate Predacide", was noted since the inception of this coyote reduction program.

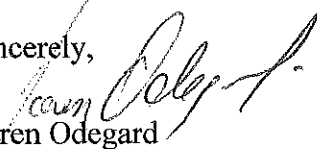
Although this program has been deemed to be a success in reducing coyote populations and predation during the livestock calving season, it is felt that a Regional Program would benefit a much larger area of the NE Region and would eliminate the problem of coyotes being brought in from outside our boundaries.

This Coyote Reduction Incentive Program is similar to the Coyote & Wolf Reduction Program already in place in the M.D. of Bonnyville. Our Board feels that a Regional and more concentrated approach is needed to have effective control of coyotes in our communities.

If you are interested in discussing the formation of a Regional Coyote Reduction Incentive Program please contact me at 780-632-8745 or email sodegard@thcounty.ab.ca If there is sufficient interest for such a program, we would be happy to host a meeting to discuss this issue.

If you have any further questions about the program, please contact Al Ropchan, Agricultural Fieldman at, 780-657-3358 or aropchan@thcounty.ab.ca .

Sincerely,



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Chairman, Agricultural Service Board

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