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Brazeau County Declares a State of Agricultural Disaster

Drayton Valley, Alberta, July 21, 2015 – During the July 21st Brazeau County Council meeting, Council unanimously voted to declare a State of Agricultural Disaster due to the hardship that weather conditions and drought have placed on local farmers.

“These extreme drought conditions are devastating crops across Brazeau County,” said Reeve Bart Guyon. “We understand the hardship our Agricultural Sector is facing and will provide all means of support possible. By declaring a state of agricultural disaster, we hope to call attention to this extremely important issue. Farmers feed families, let’s support them.”

Moisture levels in some areas of Alberta are at the lowest levels recorded in the last 50 years. In addition, crops in some areas of Brazeau County are also experiencing devastation caused by grasshoppers.

Brazeau County will notify provincial and federal government officials of the state of Agricultural Disaster and request a disaster recovery program be set up to address this issue.

In order to track specific areas of agricultural disaster in Brazeau County, residents who are experiencing agricultural hardship are encouraged to notify the County at 780-542-7777