



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW

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Greenview Declares Agricultural Disaster

(Valleyview, AB) – Greenview Council declared an Agricultural Disaster at the Regular Council Meeting on July 27, 2021.

Greenview Council made this declaration to address and bring attention to the consequential drought conditions that have significantly impacted Agricultural Producers within multiple areas of Greenview. Greenview spans a large geographical area, and while crop conditions vary throughout the municipality, some areas are seeing alarming impacts on their yields.

A prolonged record-breaking heatwave peaked at the end of June and continued into early July, delivering consistently high heat, heavy winds, and a significant lack of moisture. These conditions combined have impacted crop and livestock producers across areas of Greenview.

Agriculture Producers in Greenview are faced with crop failures in addition to premature ripening of crops, with producers anticipating poor yield and quality. Pastures and forage yield have been heavily impacted, with some producers already selling their breeding stock or trying to arrange supplemental feeding. Some local producers are seeing a reduction of as much as 75%, affecting harvest on forage lands.

Reeve Dale Smith has been meeting with local producers and is concerned. “Greenview Council recognizes the concerns and hardships of our local agricultural producers.” He added, “Declaring an agricultural disaster raises awareness of the conditions and adversities faced by some in our agricultural community and shows our support.”

Greenview Council strongly urges the provincial ministry to lobby the federal government on behalf of Alberta livestock producers to include Greenview in the list of municipalities receiving an early designation of livestock tax deferral.

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