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Combining Agricultural Production with Environmental Stewardship



Alberta Environmental Farm Plan

The Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is a voluntary, whole farm, self-assessment tool that helps producers identify their environmental risks and develop plans to mitigate identified risks. We are working together with farmers committed to environmental stewardship and sustainable farm practices.

Reasons to Complete an EFP

- ❑ Maintaining a healthy environment is essential to the success of Alberta's agricultural producers. The EFP program helps you identify and address environmental risks in your operation. It will also increase your understanding of legal requirements related to environmental issues.
- ❑ Protecting water, air and soil quality is key to the sustainable production of crops and livestock, and to leaving a healthy and productive farm for the next generation. An EFP will identify what you are already doing well and pinpoint where improvements can be made.
- ❑ By addressing these risks you increase operational efficiency while reducing farm costs, which results in increased profit for you.
- ❑ With your EFP completion certificate, you become eligible for some funding under the Growing Forward 2 program.
- ❑ Pairing environmental stewardship with agricultural production is also crucial in the marketing of your products. Consumers are increasingly concerned about the safety and quality of the food they eat and how that food is grown/raised. Sustainable sourcing is becoming a requirement of many major food purchasers, from manufacturers to restaurants. Having an EFP demonstrates to the public, government, lenders and/or investors that you are managing your environmental risks.

Seeding Pasture or Hayland This Fall?

Contact us to ask about our range of grass seeding equipment available to agriculture producers within Kneehill County 403-443-5541

