

> **Farmers in Alberta are invited to safely dispose of their obsolete pesticides and livestock medications**

October 26, 2015 - Southern Alberta farmers are invited to safely and responsibly dispose of their unwanted or obsolete pesticides and livestock (including equine) medications from October 26-30.

CleanFARMS, an industry-led, national not-for-profit agricultural waste management organization, in partnership with the Canadian Animal Health Institute (CAHI), is offering this program at no cost to farmers.

"Alberta farmers are environmentally conscious and are pleased to partner with CleanFARMS to safely dispose of obsolete pesticides and livestock medications," said Lynn Jacobson, president of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. "The CleanFARMS collection program provides an excellent one-stop service for Alberta farmers to continue to protect the land."

Farmers in Alberta have a long history of good stewardship practices. Since 1998, Alberta farmers have turned in more than 300,000 kilograms of obsolete pesticides. This year is the first time in Alberta livestock and equine medications have been added to the program.

"Alberta has a history of successful collections," said Barry Friesen, general manager of CleanFARMS. "The participation of Alberta farmers shows they are good stewards of their land and committed to protecting the environment."

After collection, the pesticides and medications are taken to a licensed waste management facility where they are disposed of through high temperature incineration.

The following locations will be accepting obsolete pesticides and livestock/equine medications from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the dates specified:

Monday, October 26, 2015

- Crop Production Services in Fort MacLeod, 403-553-3774
- Benalto Ag Services in Benalto, 403-746-2012
- Richardson Pioneer in Oyen, 403-664-2620
- Richardson Pioneer in Dunmore, 403-527-6600

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

- Crop Production Services in Bow Island, 403-545-2277
- Richardson Pioneer in Magrath, 403-758-3162
- Fox Lake Agro in Hanna, 403-854-2820
- Richardson Pioneer in Olds, 403-556-3222

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

- Cargill in Lethbridge, 403-327-4380
- Crop Production Services in Crossfield, 403-946-4588

- Crop Production Services in Taber, 403-223-2807
- Kneehill Soil Services in Drumheller, 403-823-4600

Thursday, October 29, 2015

- CHS Canada in Caresland, 403-934-4644
- CHS Canada in Craddock, 403-733-3529
- Kneehill Soil Services in Linden, 403-546-4050
- Crop Production Services in Vauxhall, 403-654-4464

Friday, October 30, 2015

- Crop Production Services in Picture Butte, 403-732-4585
- Crop Production Services in Brooks, 403-362-2072
- Crop Production Services in High River, 403-652-3500
- Richardson Pioneer in Hussar, 403-787-3931

The obsolete pesticide and livestock/equine medication collection program is a national program that comes to each province on a three-year rotating basis. In between collections periods, farmers are asked to safely store their unwanted pesticides and livestock medications until they can properly dispose of them through the program

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