Agricultural film and twine collection campaign comes to Yellowhead county

June 14, 2012 - Yellowhead, AB – This summer, farmers in Yellowhead County can recycle their unwanted twine and agricultural film by participating in a free pilot project.

"Farmers are always looking to make smart choices for their farms and for the environment." says Jennifer Benson, agricultural services supervisor of Yellowhead County. "By offering this pilot with CleanFARMS, we are able to help farmers do this."

CleanFARMS, an industry-led national not-for-profit agricultural waste management organization, is heading this pilot project, with the support from Yellowhead County and the Recycling Council of Alberta (RCA).

"Farmers don't want to send materials to landfills, but there are limited options for agricultural film and twine." says Barry Friesen, general manager of CleanFARMS. "We're hoping that this pilot leads to a successful permanent program that is easy for farmers to use and that will allow us to preserve valuable landfill space."

There is available to farmers at no cost. Farmers are invited to return their unwanted agricultural film, including silage cover, silage bags, bale wrap, greenhouse film, and twine to participating sites. All materials must be clean, dry, separated and bagged. Collection bags are available free of charge at the Edson Recycling Depot or the Yellowhead County East Services Centre. Grain bags, net wrap and feedbags will not be accepted.

Collections will take place at the following locations starting June 15, 2012:

- Wildwood NE 16-53-09-W5
- Parkcourt SE 35-54-08-W5
- Peers NW 10-54-14-W5
- Edson Recycling Depot 5237 1st ave. Edson

To learn more, visit <u>www.cleanfarms.ca</u>, <u>www.recycle.ab.ca</u>, <u>www.yellowheadcounty.ab.ca</u> or www.edson.ca/residents/recycling-depot

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