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## Purpose

- 1 This policy supports Rocky View County (the County) agricultural producers' Right to Farm.



## Policy Statement

- 2 The County ensures Agricultural Producers have the continued right to engage in "Generally Accepted Agricultural Practices" as defined in the *Agricultural Operations Practices Act* [AOPA].
- 3 Council is committed to supporting compliant Agricultural Operations and Producers' Right to Farm.



## Policy

### Right to Farm

- 4 Council directs Administration to acknowledge and reference the *AOPA* when providing information to Agricultural Producers and the public.
- 5 Other County policies must consider the intent of this policy and abide by the AOPA it is based upon.
- 6 Council directs Administration to apply this policy in the event that a nuisance complaint is filed against an operation that is engaging in "Generally Accepted Agricultural Practices".



## References

Legal Authorities	• <i>Agricultural Operation Practices Act, RSA 2000, c A-7</i>
Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, etc.	• Agriculture Master Plan, County Plan
Related Procedures	• N/A
Other	• N/A



## Policy History

Amendment Date(s) – Amendment Description	• 2019 July 09 – Content and format updated
Review Date(s) – Review Outcome Description	• 2018 October 24 – Policy format out-of-date, minor amendments required



## Definitions

7 In this policy:

- (1) “Administration” means the operations and staff of Rocky View County under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer;
- (2) “Agricultural Operation” means an agricultural activity conducted on agricultural land for gain or reward or in the hope or expectation of gain or reward, and includes:
  - (a) the cultivation of land;
  - (b) the raising of poultry, fur-bearing animals, pheasants, fish, or livestock, including domestic cervids, within but not limited to the meaning of livestock in the *Livestock Industry Diversification Act, RSA 2000, c L-17*;
  - (c) the production of agricultural field crops, fruit, vegetables, sod, trees, shrubs, other specialty horticultural crops, eggs, milk, and honey;
  - (d) the operation of agricultural machinery and equipment, including irrigation pumps;

- (e) the application of fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides, fungicides and herbicides, including application by ground and aerial spraying, for agricultural purposes;
  - (f) the collection, transportation, storage, application, use, transfer and disposal of manure, composting materials and compost; and
  - (g) the abandonment and reclamation of confined feeding operations and manure storage facilities;
- (3) “Agricultural Producer “ means any person conducting an agricultural activity on agricultural land for gain or reward or in the hope or expectation of gain or reward;
- (4) “Council” means the duly elected Council of Rocky View County;
- (5) “Generally Accepted Agricultural Practices” refers to a practice that is conducted in a manner consistent with appropriate and accepted customs and standards as established and followed by similar agricultural operations under similar circumstances, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing includes the use of innovative technology used with advanced management practices; and
- (6) “Rocky View County” means Rocky View County as a municipal corporation and the geographical area within its jurisdictional boundaries, as the context requires.