



# InsideAGRI



June 2017

## Upcoming AGRI Events

### Agriculture Appreciation Day

Bring your family to celebrate agriculture at this free dinner and entertainment evening on June 29, 2017. Call 780-623-6739 to RSVP.

### Rural Beautification Award

The deadline for nominations is July 31. Nominate someone with a beautiful yard today by filling out the form found on the County's website or by calling 780-623-6739.

### Hylo-Venice Harvest Days

August 25 to 26.

### Making a Profit Grass Farming

Attend this workshop on grass farming hosted by LARA on June 23 at Craighend Hall.

### Current Agricultural Service Board Members:

Wanda Austin, Chair/Councillor  
Reginald Plamondon, Vice Chair/Member-at-Large  
Rick Olson, Councillor  
Debbie Burdek, Member-at-Large  
Lawrence Gingras, Member-at-Large

## Weeds to Watch For

Lac La Biche County's Agricultural Service Board (ASB) has hired two seasonal Weed Inspectors that will be travelling throughout the County in the upcoming months looking for prohibited noxious and noxious weeds. Some of the weeds that are not common within the County but have been found are described below.

- **Himalayan Balsam:** a summer annual in riparian areas, these plants flower in July. Once mature, their seed capsules explode (if disturbed) and eject 700 to 800 seeds. This plant has been found throughout the County in old yard sites and flower beds as it was sold as an ornamental until recently.
- **Dames Rocket:** a biennial or short-lived perennial native to Europe, this plant has been found spreading in flower beds in the County similar to the Himalayan Balsam. It was previously sold in wildflower mixtures, and is something you must still look out for when purchasing wildflower seed packs.



Dames Rocket



Himalayan Balsam

## ASB Wolf Control Program

The Agricultural Service Board Wolf Control program is currently open to livestock producers in Lac La Biche County. The County will pay a producer registered in the V.S.I. program \$200 dollars for a wolf controlled on lands within Lac La Biche County that is used for agricultural purposes. Alternatively, producers can sign up to have a registered trapper enter their lands to control wolves that have been affecting their livestock.

Please call the Agriculture and Environmental Services Operations Coordinator at 780-623-6366 for more information, or email [kyle.beniuk@lACLAbichecounty.com](mailto:kyle.beniuk@lACLAbichecounty.com).