
Crop Pest Response Fund Objectives

This Program provides financial support to approved projects to:

Establish the presence and geographic distribution of new or novel plant pests,

Assist in the costs to develop a control strategy

Support the implementation of an eradication plan or a control plan.

The Crop Pest Response Fund is specifically to protect crops and yields in those situations where additional or incremental response is warranted. This is targeted at regulated pests or new invasive pests establishing or expanding in Alberta.

What Support is Available?

The program is designed to assist response efforts. These can include:

- Cost of surveys to establish distribution
- Costs to develop or test mitigation strategies
- Costs of implementing eradication or control
- Reasonable extension costs as part of response

There are many possibilities. More information on eligible activities is available on the website. Application requests are expected to be less than \$100,000.

A Definition

Pest: a weed, disease, or insect identified as noxious, prohibited or economically threatening affecting an agricultural or commercial horticulture crop.

Overview

The Crop Pest Response Fund is a pilot program to support rapid response to crop-related pest and disease threats within Alberta. This makes funds available to address or minimize production risks. Approved projects will be relevant to administration of the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act*, the *Alberta Weed Control Act*, and associated regulations.

Applications will be accepted starting June 2016, until available funding is depleted.

Grants approved must be spent before December 31, 2017.

To Apply or for Information:

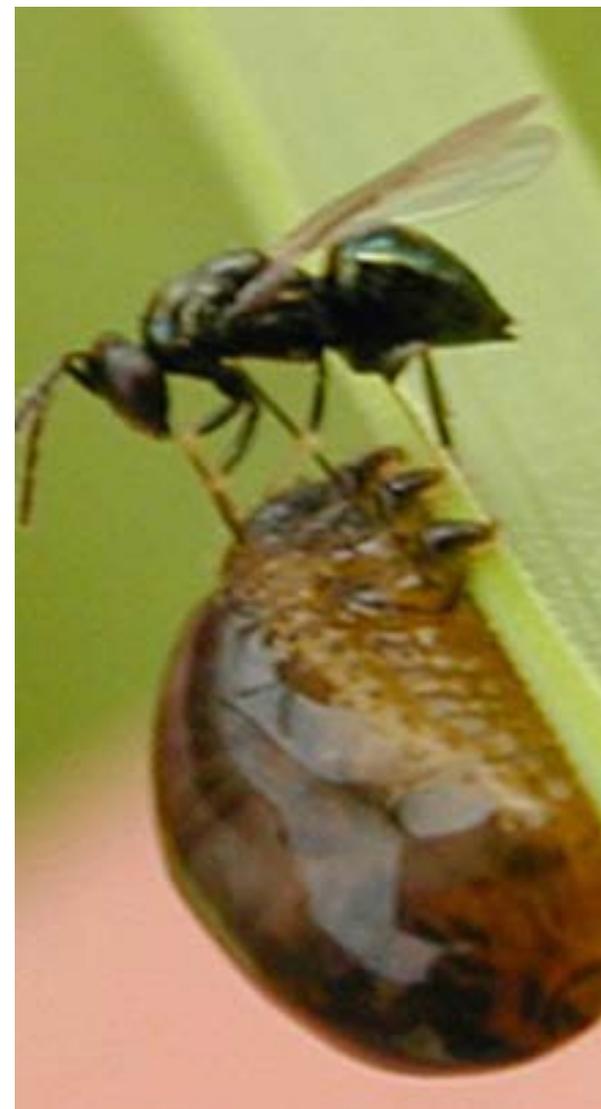
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Crop Pest Response Fund

Improving production security through pest and disease control and prevention.



So much to do... So little time. What can you do under this program?



Get The Big Picture

Identify the presence and geographic distribution of new or emerging pests affecting crop production or commercial horticulture.

Formulate an Effective Plan of Action

A pro-active plan is better than a rushed reaction. Build a plan that includes people, resources needed, and timing of actions.

Eradicate and Control

A plan is of no value without action! Eradication and control both need to be adapted to the situation. This is about the right step at the right time.

What Can't We Do?

The program does not support non-crop pests. This is a pilot program with limited scope.



Who Can Apply?

The program is aimed at municipalities, institutions, governments and other agencies supporting the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act*, and the *Alberta Weed Control Act*. This includes:

- ✓ Provincial or Local Authority as defined in the *Alberta Municipal Government Act*
- ✓ Not-For-Profit agriculture-based organization registered under a federal or provincial act
- ✓ Band as defined in the *Indian Act*
- ✓ Métis Settlement
- ✓ Post-secondary educational institution



Female Root Maggot photo by Lloyd Dodsall

What is the Process?

Applications are on the website at:

www.acidf.ca/croppest

Applications will be reviewed by an expert review committee, who in turn make recommendations to the ACIDF Board. All applications will be subject to technical review. Applications will be judged for clearly defined deliverables, value for cost, likelihood of success, and sound project design. Projects will be evaluated based on benefit to Alberta, even if some work happens outside the province.