

FARMERS' ADVOCATE OFFICE

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INCOMING FILES

- Ag Info Centre
- Tradeshows
- Community Events
- Publications
- Stakeholders
- Counties
- Other Government Departments
- Action Requests
- Client Referrals
- MLA Constituency Offices

RURAL DISPUTES

Farmers and ranchers who experience conflicts may contact the FAO to help resolve the issue.

ENERGY, UTILITIES & SURFACE RIGHTS

The FAO is a resource for landowners who are affected by energy and utility developments. We are able to provide information on legislation and policy, offering advice on your rights, responsibilities, negotiations, and dispute resolution.

FARM IMPLEMENT ACT

The *Farm Implement Act* and *Farm Implement Dealerships Act* help protect the investment farmers make in their machinery. Farm implement issues are reviewed by the FAO's Farm Implement Administrator or Farm Implement Inspector prior to being forwarded to the Farm Implement Board for a formal hearing.

NUISANCE COMPLAINTS

Under Part 1 of the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act*, an appointed committee may conduct a hearing to review nuisance concerns relating to agricultural odour, dust, noise, and smoke.

WATER WELL RESTORATION OR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (WWRRP)

A landowner may apply to the FAO for compensation for a well suspected to be damaged by energy activities. Program funded by levies paid to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER).

AGRICULTURE FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION (AFSC) REVIEWS AND APPEALS

The FAO assists with the formal hearing process for reviewing AFSC decisions under the Agri-Insurance and AgriStability programs.

RESEARCH

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

SITE VISIT

ADVICE

ADVOCACY

FORMAL HEARING

Common Issues and Concerns Brought to Minister of Agriculture and Forestry

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