



## ANOTHER SURVEY SEASON DONE!

The 2021 survey season has recently been completed by the PHO team, and it has been a busy one! As a part of the Plant Health Network, the Plant Health Officers assist the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and researchers from the University of Saskatchewan and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada with their pest surveys. The PHOs add capacity and collect data points for the valuable research and monitoring these groups conduct. This aids in the early detection and rapid response to crop pests in the province, as well as monitoring and reporting on existing issues in the field.

The largest survey that we assist with is the Saskatchewan Clubroot Survey. Since we started in 2018, the PHOs have surveyed nearly **2800** fields!

Here are some other interesting numbers that showcase the work we've been doing in the past few years:

- Leafy spurge beetle collection days attendee numbers have more than doubled—**73 people** attended this year
- The PHOs have travelled approximately **96,706 km** since April 1st of this year—conducting crop surveys, RM visits, and biocontrol monitoring
- Aside from clubroot surveys, we have completed **315 other crop surveys** in 2021—including our weekly insect monitoring, disease surveys, and insect surveys

We have also adapted the way we deliver information due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Webinars were conducted this winter for Weed Inspectors and Pest Control Officers. The PCO Webinar series hosted a total of **263 attendees** over 3 webinars and the Weed Inspector Series hosted **261 attendees** over 4 webinars.

These webinars also provided those with their Pesticide Applicator License with Continuing Education Credits (CECs). A total of **6 CECs** were available. Feedback has shown that the licensed applicators were glad to have the opportunity for these credits as they can be difficult to find, especially during the pandemic!

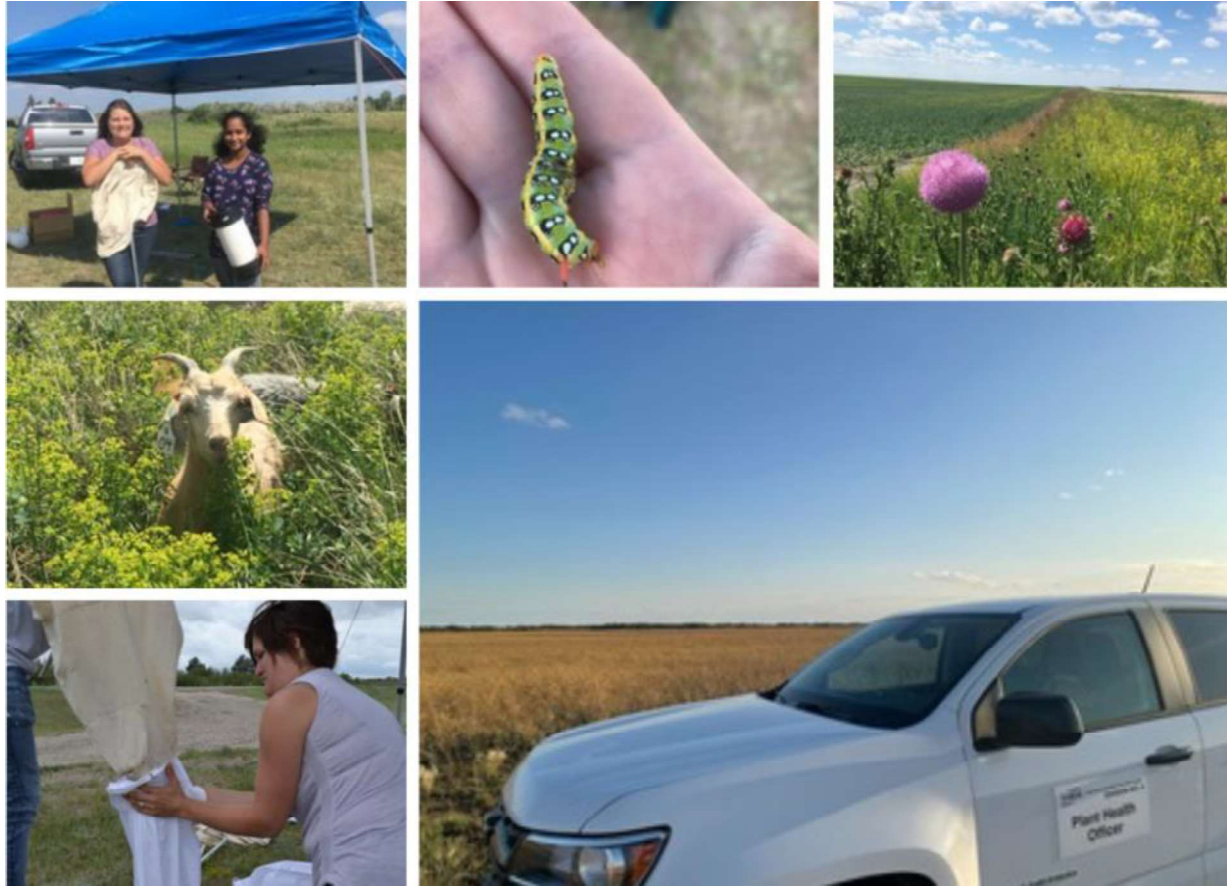
### DEADLINES COMING UP

INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL PROGRAM claims—October 31, 2021

CLUBROOT ON-FARM MONITORING KITS—October 29, 2021

RAT CONTROL PROGRAM claims—December 31, 2021

## SCENES FROM THE SUMMER



## WINTER WEBINARS

The PHOs are gearing up to deliver another series of webinars this winter. Last year's webinars are still available on the SARM Website for anyone who would like to have a look. Last year's topics were:

**Weed Inspector Webinars:** Weed Inspector 101, Field Work 101, Common Issues and FAQ for WIs and Land Managers, Weed ID.

**PCO Webinars:** Pesticide Labels, Pesticides and the Environment, Ticks.

We are currently working to make the webinars for this upcoming winter interactive and informative, so we are asking for suggestions on what topics you would like to see. These webinars can cover any topics related to any of the programs the PHOs assist with like the Rat Control Program, Invasive Plant Control Program, or the Beaver Control Program. Topics can also include crop pests, the Weed Control Act, or the Pest Control Act.

If there is any topic you would like to see let us know! Contact your division PHO to suggest topics or ask for more information. Please stay tuned for dates of future webinars.

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Please contact your Division PHO for more information, to answer any questions, or suggest content for future newsletters.

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