



CLUBROOT AND WEED INSPECTOR APPOINTMENTS

If your RM has not already done so, please consider appointing the Plant Health Officers as Pest Control Officers for Clubroot in 2022. This appointment allows the PHOs to complete the provincial clubroot survey and allows the PHOs to work with producers who have clubroot to create clubroot management agreements. Please send the signed appointment letter to the Ministry of Agriculture at Room 125, 3085 Albert Street, Regina, SK S4S 0B1, or email the letter to crops@gov.sk.ca.

Clubroot bylaws are a tool for RMs in managing clubroot in Saskatchewan. If your RM has yet to put a clubroot bylaw in place, please think about adopting the clubroot bylaw. If your RM has recently adopted a clubroot bylaw, please send a copy to your Plant Health Officer, so your RM can be added to the [RMs with Clubroot Bylaws Map](#). If you have any questions regarding clubroot bylaws or policies, please reach out to your PHO.

Weed Inspector appointments should be made in January each year. Weed Inspector Acknowledgement letters are required by July 2nd to participate in the Invasive Plant Control Program (IPCP). Even if your RM does not currently plan to claim to the IPCP, the RM must have an appointed Weed Inspector acknowledged by the Ministry of Agriculture if any ratepayer within the RM wants to apply to the IPCP later in the season.

WEEDS TO WATCH FOR COMMON TANSY

One invasive weed that can be identified during the winter and spring is common tansy. Tansy is a noxious weed under the Saskatchewan *Weed Control Act*. Common tansy is a perennial weed with a tap root, fern-like leaves, and yellow-button flowers. Common tansy is a tall weed that is found along roadsides and in forage areas. A unique quality about this weed is that its growth remains standing in winter. The plant, with its shriveled leaves and seed heads can be seen standing above the snow. This is a great identification tool during the winter months to determine if common tansy is present in your RM.



Common tansy in summer



Common tansy in winter

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The Pest Control Officer and Weed Inspector webinars are complete for 2022. Thank you for tuning in and making the webinars a success! If you missed the live webinars, you are in luck. The webinars were recorded, and the recordings are on the SARM website. If you are a pesticide applicator and you would like Continuing Education Credits for these webinars, you can watch the recording and take the corresponding quiz. Once you pass the quiz, your name will be sent to SaskPolytechnic for a Continuing Education Credit. Recordings and quizzes can be found at <https://sarm.ca/programs/rat-control-program/> for Pest Control Officer webinars and <https://sarm.ca/programs/invasive-plant-control-program/> for Weed Inspectors and Land Manager webinars.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all that participated in the CAP Program Survey. The survey provided the Plant Health Officers and SARM with valuable information regarding how the PHOs can continue working with RMs through the CAP programs and how these programs can be improved.

PEST SURVEY MONITORING BY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE



The PHOs work with the Ministry of Agriculture to collect field data throughout the growing season, including insect and disease monitoring in crops. For these surveys to continue, the Ministry of Agriculture is looking for producers to provide permission to allow access to their farmland. You can find more information and signup at the link below or scan the QR code

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/agribusiness-farmers-and-ranchers/programs-and-services/crops-programs/pest-monitoring>

WELCOME OUR NEW PLANT HEALTH OFFICER

Please welcome Tayo Adegeye as the new Plant Health Officer for SARM Division 1! Tayo is excited to be a part of the Plant Health Network and ready to work with Saskatchewan rural municipalities. You can contact Tayo at 306-580-8708 or division1pho@gmail.com.

Katey Makohoniuk has moved from Division 1 into the Division 4 Plant Health Officer position and is looking forward to working with her new RMs and appointed officials.

The PHOs will have a booth at the RMAA convention in May so be sure to stop by and say hello to our new and existing PHOs at the tradeshow!

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

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