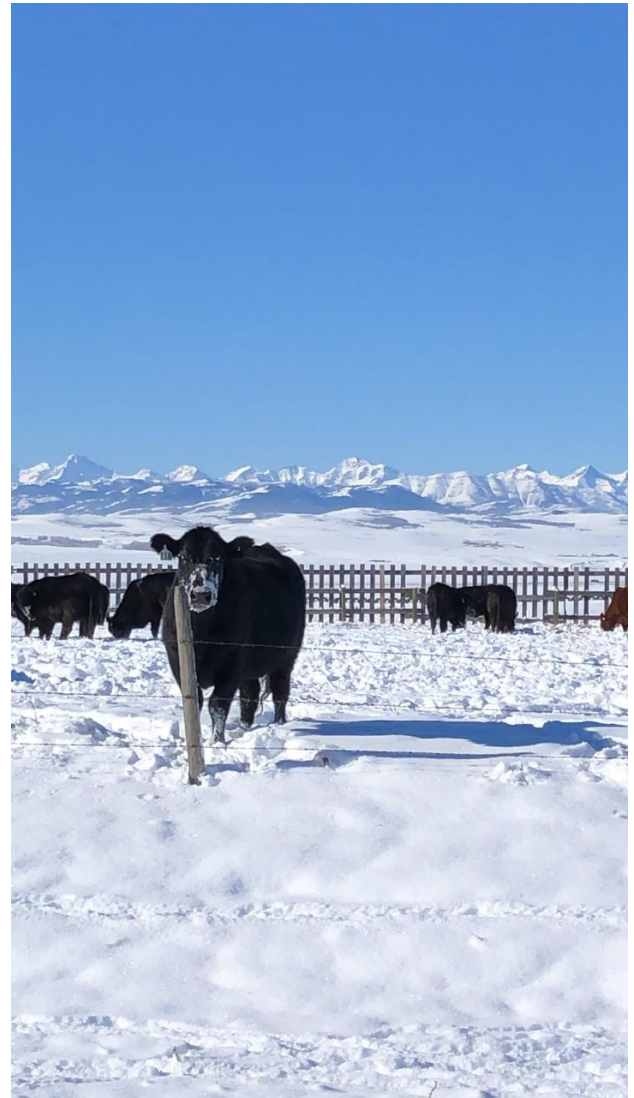


Feb 15th, 2023, is Canada's Agriculture Day!

Agriculture Day started in 2016 to celebrate food, farming and to learn more about where our meals come from. Agriculture is very important for economic growth and recovery in Alberta. Alberta agriculture has been happening for over a century and is made up of cattle herds, wheat fields, chickens, bees, pigs, sheep, bison, barley, potatoes, canola and so much more! Agriculture employs approximately 75,000 Albertans and contributes billions of dollars to our GDP every year.

Alberta's agriculture industry has a well-earned reputation for food safety systems, high-quality agricultural products, safe farming practices, and techniques that help reduce disturbance on ecosystems, wildlife, and the land. Albertan farmers export wheat to nearly 70 countries around the world. Albertan beef producers set the standard for ethically raised beef and the beef is world famous being graded as AA or higher!

Canada's Agriculture Day is a great opportunity to show our appreciation for producers and those that work in the agriculture and food processing sector. You can share what agriculture means to you by going to social media and post photos of working farmers, prairie landscapes, all-Canadian cooked meals, post a 'Fork-up' selfie and tag it with #CdnAgDay! Fun fact: As of 2019, Alberta is home to 41.6 % of Canada's cows and 40% of honey bee colonies!



*Figure 1 Winter Cattle
Photo Credit Grace O'Leary*

Play Clean Go is one of the most effective ways to prevent invasive species from spreading to pastures, new natural areas and sensitive habitats. You can apply these actions throughout the entire year, even in winter! It may not be growing season, but plants are still able to spread

seeds in the winter time. All you have to do is check your gear, equipment and animals before leaving the recreational site.

If you follow these simple steps, you are helping to stop invasive species in their tracks!

REMOVE plants, mud and snow from animals, boots, gear, snowmobiles and vehicles

CLEAN your gear before entering or leaving the site

STAY on designated trails and roads

USE certified or local firewood and hay

Play Clean Go

WHAT CAN YOU DO? TO STOP INVASIVE SPECIES

Don't move firewood. Buy it where you burn it; or buy certified heat-treated firewood.

Remove seeds and burs from clothing and pets.

Clean mud and seeds from your gear by brushing off or hosing down tents, bikes or ATVs.

Clean your footwear with a boot brush.

Wash down canoes, kayaks and other boats.

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