



NEWS LINE

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Livestock owners not out of the woods yet - minerals needed

One year ago at this time, livestock were enjoying the green grass but because of the late spring, livestock owners need to ensure their animals have adequate minerals. “They aren’t picking up the minerals from the green grass yet and in addition to mineral requirements, the welfare of animals and the provision of adequate feed, bedding and water is necessary. We’re not out of the woods, yet,” says Brian Chomlak, Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission’s representative for Alberta Farm Animal Care.

Horses, sheep, cattle and all other livestock need special attention under current conditions, says Chomlak. “Young born calves and little lambs require special attention. Little lambs are like dogs. They seem to pile on each other to keep warm if they don’t have adequate shelter.”

“The ALERT line is a very important part of Alberta’s livestock industry. It gives the neighbours and everybody an opportunity to call in and have another neighbour go out and work with the producer to help alleviate problems and make sure the animals are looked after in a proper manner,” adds Chomlak. Operated by Alberta Farm Animal Care, the 24 hour confidential number is 1-800-506-2273.

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Clip No. 1:

We’re not out of the woods yet says Brian Chomlak, Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission’s for Alberta Farm Animal Care, when referring to the need to assure all livestock is being adequately cared for. He says that in spite of low commodity prices, owners must make the welfare of their animals the priority:

(14... “yet.”)

Clip No. 2:

Horses, sheep, cattle and all other livestock need special attention right now adds Chomlak:

(9... “happens.”)

Clip No. 3:

Chomlak stresses the ALERT line, operated by Alberta Farm Animal Care is very important for the livestock industry:

(10... “manner.”)

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