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M.D. Council funds fight against grasshopper invasion

The Municipal District of Bonnyville is urging farmers to keep an eye out for grasshoppers as their numbers are trending higher in recent weeks. The threshold to warrant action by producers is eight to 12 grasshoppers per square metre.

M.D. Council has agreed to cover the cost of spraying roadside ditches along roads where the landowner sprays his crops for grasshopper control. Landowners must request that this spraying be done at the time that they make arrangements for their crops to be sprayed, either by air or with a ground sprayer. The amount paid will be \$62.50/per half mile using ground clearance sprayers and \$125/per half mile using aerial application spraying both sides of the ditch at the same time. The funds will be paid directly to the contractor that does the spraying.

Director of Agriculture and Waste Services Matt Janz advises the public to be aware of the spray applications and not to use the ditches adjacent to those fields.

For more information about this program, please call the ASB office at 780-826-3951.

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