

## Program Guidelines **Provincial Rat Eradication Program (PREP) 2011**

### Purpose of the Program

The purpose of the Provincial Rat Eradication Program (PREP) is to provide financial and human resource assistance to rural municipalities (RMs) in their efforts to eradicate rat populations in their municipality.

### Background

The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) assumed responsibility for the Provincial Rat Eradication Program (PREP) in March 2010 with the goal of eradicating rats in mind. The program is now in effect for 2011/2012.

### Program Outline

The PREP Program is funded through the Agriculture Fieldworker Policy which is offered by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. The PREP Program is managed by a board of elected RM representatives and is designed to assist RMs in their rat control efforts and provides the following support:

1. Financial Resources: SARM administers the grant program which provides funding to assist RMs in paying for their rat control efforts.
2. Human Resources: SARM has retained the services of 6 Pest Control Officer (PCO) Supervisors. There is one located in each of SARM's 6 divisions.

### 2011 Grant Funding Available:

- More funding is being provided for the PREP Program in 2011.
- The maximum amount of grant payable to an RM will be **\$5 per farm site plus \$61 per township** based on Statistics Canada 1976 Census unless the use of a more recent Census is requested and justified by the RM.

**Eligibility:** In order for an RM to be eligible for the grant the following minimum level of service must be provided by an RM:

- An RM must have a Pest Control Officer (PCO) with a valid Pesticide Applicator's License.
- Each site within an RM where agriculture produce is stored or where livestock or poultry are housed must be inspected by the licensed PCO at least once a year.
- The RM must provide reports as required by SARM and the Ministry of Agriculture.



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### Steps that must be taken by an RM to access the grant:

1. The RM employs the services of a licensed PCO and has them inspect each site within an RM where agriculture produce is stored or where livestock or poultry are housed at least once per year.
2. The RM needs to provide written notification to Saskatchewan Agriculture as to the name and address of their PCO. Please address as follows:

Director of Crops Branch, Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture  
Room 125, 3085 Albert St. Regina S4S 0B1

3. Have the PCO submit his/her reports to the RM Office (or to the ADD Board if the RM is utilizing an ADD Board for rat control coordination). PCO Forms are available for order from the SARM Trading Department by phoning 306-761-3722.
4. Fill out the **Statement of Compliance Form** (attached) and submit it to SARM by **January 31, 2012.** The Statement of Compliance must be signed by the RM Administrator.

2075 Hamilton Street, Regina, SK S4P 2E1  
Fax: 306-565-2141 Email: [sarm@sarm.ca](mailto:sarm@sarm.ca)

### Human Resources Available:

The PREP Program also employs the services of a Pest Control Coordinator and 6 Regional PCO Supervisors. Their duties and responsibilities include advising PCO's, RMs and District ADD Boards in terms of pest control in the province.

If you require assistance please contact the PCO Supervisor located in your SARM Division:

Division 1: Henry Fiesler- 306-743-2755  
Division 2: Ryan Budd- 306-631-7350  
Division 3: Stewart Biech- 306-778-0715  
Division 4: Dennis Friend- 306-528-4320  
Division 5: Neil Mooney- 306-934-4782  
Division 6: George Dresser- 306-228-3184

For more information on the PREP Program please visit: [www.prep.sarm.ca](http://www.prep.sarm.ca) or contact:  
Tayah Hanson at 306-761-3736 or Email: [thanson@sarm.ca](mailto:thanson@sarm.ca)



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