



Application to Grow Sugar Beets for Fodder

As per the Alberta Regulations that govern the Sugar Beet Industry, (286/1997, 275/1997,287/1997, 285/1997), the Alberta Sugar Beet Growers Marketing Board has the authority to govern the sugar beet industry, including the production of sugar beets. In 2019, the ASBG Marketing Board issued a personal exemption policy to produce sugar beets for the sole purpose of fodder beets. The policy states the following;

Sugar beets can be utilized and grown for other purposes than refined sugar due to the benefit of the sugar in their root. The industry needs to consider these uses as opportunities to expand the industry while balancing the environmental challenges that additional uses may provide. This balance may be maintained if individual producers understand the opportunities and threats that exist to the industry through the production of sugar beets for these additional uses. It is ASBG’s job to ensure that individual producers understand that.

Due to this, the Alberta Sugar Beet Growers wishes to provide a personal exemption to produce fodder beets, where the individual producing the fodder beets must follow these rules;

- *This exemption is only to produce fodder beets for the individual producer’s livestock.*
- *A maximum of 40 acres of fodder beets can be grown on land controlled by the producer.*
- *The production of fodder beets cannot interfere with the production of sugar beets for the purpose of refined sugar. This includes interfering with rotation requirements, seeding, and harvesting.*
- *All fodder beets produced must be personally used and consumed on the individual farming premises.*
- *Fodder beets are not allowed to be sold or given to other individuals, processors, stakeholders, or corporations.*
- *Producers of fodder beets must adhere to ASBG agronomic practices, to mitigate the threat of disease and nematode, which includes but is not limited to;*
 - *Purchasing approved seed varieties.*
 - *One (1) in four (4)-year rotation without canola and two (2) in eight (8) year rotation with canola.*
 - *Progressive weed control management*
- *The exemption is only for a period of one year from date of approval until the regulations are updated and implemented.*

If a producer wishes to produce sugar beets for fodder, they must apply for an exemption permit and complete the information below.

Name of Producer	
Address of Producer	
Contact Phone Number	
Contact Email	

# of Acres to be grown	(maximum of 40 acres)
Land location of Acres	
Last crop on land (past four years)	
Equipment to be utilized in production of sugar beets for fodder.	
Seed Variety to be planted	

In addition, by signing below I agree to the following;

- I understand that that an on-site inspection may occur to verify acres and use of sugar beets at any time during the year.
- I further understand and agree to follow the rules set out in the Personal Exemption policy.

Please sign below and return this application form to office@asbg.ca. Upon receipt of your application, the Board will review and issue an exemption permit for a period of one year. Only once you have received that exemption permit are you able to produce the regulated product for the sole use of fodder beets.

X _____ (Applicant's Signature)

Date Signed: _____

If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Director at (403) 223-1110 or by email at office@asbg.ca.

Please contact the companies below for approved seed varieties.

Alberta Sugar Beet Growers Approved Seed Suppliers;

- Hilleshog- Tyler Ring- 701-640-7379
- Ses VanderHaeve- Ben Bingham-208-431-2799
- Beta Seed- Cody Lehman- 701-361-1703

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Date Received:	
Approved by:	
Date of Approval:	
Exemption Permit Sent:	