

# Assurance Partners

Crop Health Assurance Branch and Agriculture Service Boards (ASB)

## Market access impact

Grass-root organizations

**69** Farmer-led Ag Service Boards

**800+** jobs created annually



It would cost AF over **\$30 M** to replace all legislated work done by ASB's.



Supports Alberta Ag Exports of **\$11.2B/year** primary and processed

**\$8.5** million **6:1 return on AF's investment;** ASB's invest an additional **\$6** for every **\$1** from AF



### Delegated Authority for

- Ag Service Board Act
- Agricultural Pest Act
- Weed Control Act
- Soil Conservation Act
- Animal Health Act



### Inspect and certify

**100%** of the provinces  
**67** seed cleaning plants



**Weed control** on **> 103,000 km** municipal roadways annually to assure public safety and pest management.



*Mandated by legislation*  
ASB's act as an advisory body to the **Minister** on matters of mutual concern.



Assist with **surveillance and monitoring** for diseases and pests in **~ 17,000 fields annually;** in 2019

- **10416** fields – clubroot
- **2373** fields – virulent blackleg
- **1062** fields – *Fusarium*

### Education over Legislation

Conduct **~ 52,000** weed inspections annually



Identifying, monitor and address concerns that could impact market access

**2761** fields – insects (grasshopper, wheat midge, bertha armyworm, diamond back moth)