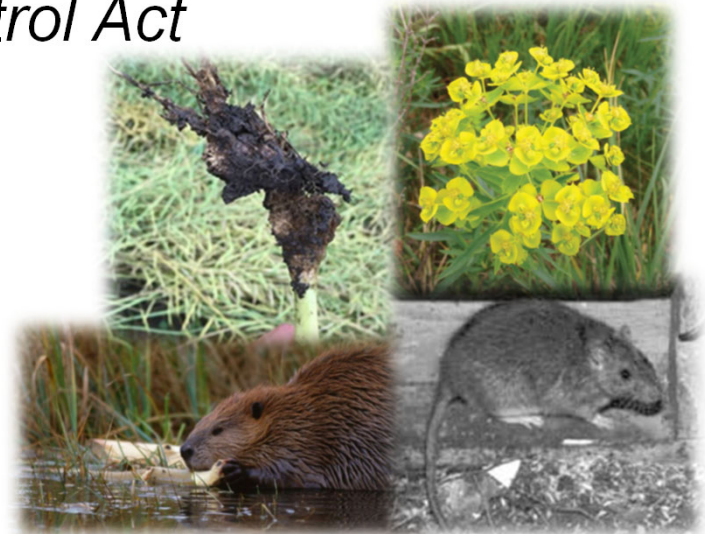


Pest Biosecurity Program

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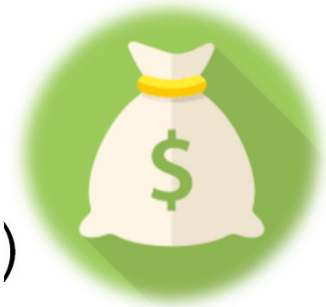
- Financial and Human Resources to RMs and FNBs
 - To deal with issues regarding invasive plants, rats, nuisance beavers, clubroot and other pest as declared/designated under *Saskatchewan Pest Control Act and Weed Control Act*
- Canadian Agriculture Partnership - 3.2 million for 2019-20
- Administered by SARM
- Made up of 4 programs



Pest Biosecurity Program 2019-20

- Funding:- Rebate Programs:

- Beaver Control Program (CAP- BCP)
- Invasive Plant Control Program (CAP- IPCP)
- Rat Control Program (CAP –RCP)
 - 2 Rat Control Technical Advisors-**NEW**



- Human Resources:

- Plant Health Network (CAP-PHN)
 - 6 Plant Health Officers, one in each SARM Division



Common Principles of Rebate Programs

- Up to but not more than 50% of approved costs
- Once all program expenses are considered, funds remaining are prorated among eligible claimants
 - Exclusion to date-IPCP (Historically undersubscribed)
- Must use licenced individuals for all the programs
- Copy of invoices required to verify products/services used
- Combination of HR support and funds

Beaver Control Program

- 50/50 cost share to a maximum of \$450,000
- Up to \$15 per adult nuisance beaver removed by *licensed trappers* (based on a minimum \$30/adult beaver)
- Up to \$500 for pond leveler & beaver deceiver
- All RMs are eligible to claim if program requirements are met
- Copy of all trapper licenses submit to SARM
- Program Deadline : February 15, 2020

Invasive Plant Control Program

- 50/50 cost share to a maximum of \$500,000
- Prohibited Weeds: 50% of the cost of eligible herbicides and their application.
- Noxious Weeds approved under current program: Up to 50% of the cost of eligible herbicides only.
- Weed Management Plans/Weed Inspector - July 2, 2019
- Program deadline is October 31, 2019

Invasive Plant Control Program

NEW

- When claiming prohibited weeds- submit a copy of the email confirmation & recommendation of herbicide used on prohibited weeds consultation sent by SMA Weed Control Specialist
- Copy of herbicide application records for each claim form
 - Application rates of **1.25 times or 25% higher** than the registered rate- **ineligible for rebate**

Rat Control Program

- **NEW:** Program Dead line: **December 31, 2019**
 - Claim forms plus invoices to SARM at deadline
- **NEW :** Include invoices for all expense claimed
 - Bait provided free to ratepayers in 2019
 - 2019 PCO/Applicator expenses claimed
 - Any 'other' detailed expenses
- 1.25 million for this program year
- Payments prorated at Program year end-March 31

Rat Control Program

- **NEW:** *Rat Control Technical Advisors*
 - One for Southern Divisions (1,2,3)& one for Northern Divisions(4,5,6)
 - Contracted by SARM, funded through RCP
 - Work on case by case basis
 - Provides ongoing mentoring and technical guidance to RMs, new and existing appointed PCOs and applicators
 - Promotes provincially accepted best practices
 - Working with PHO to:
 - Assist RMs to find PCO or licensed applicator
 - Assist to identify and deliver topics concerning rat control best practices at training events

Rat Control Program

Rat Control Technical advisors (RCTA):

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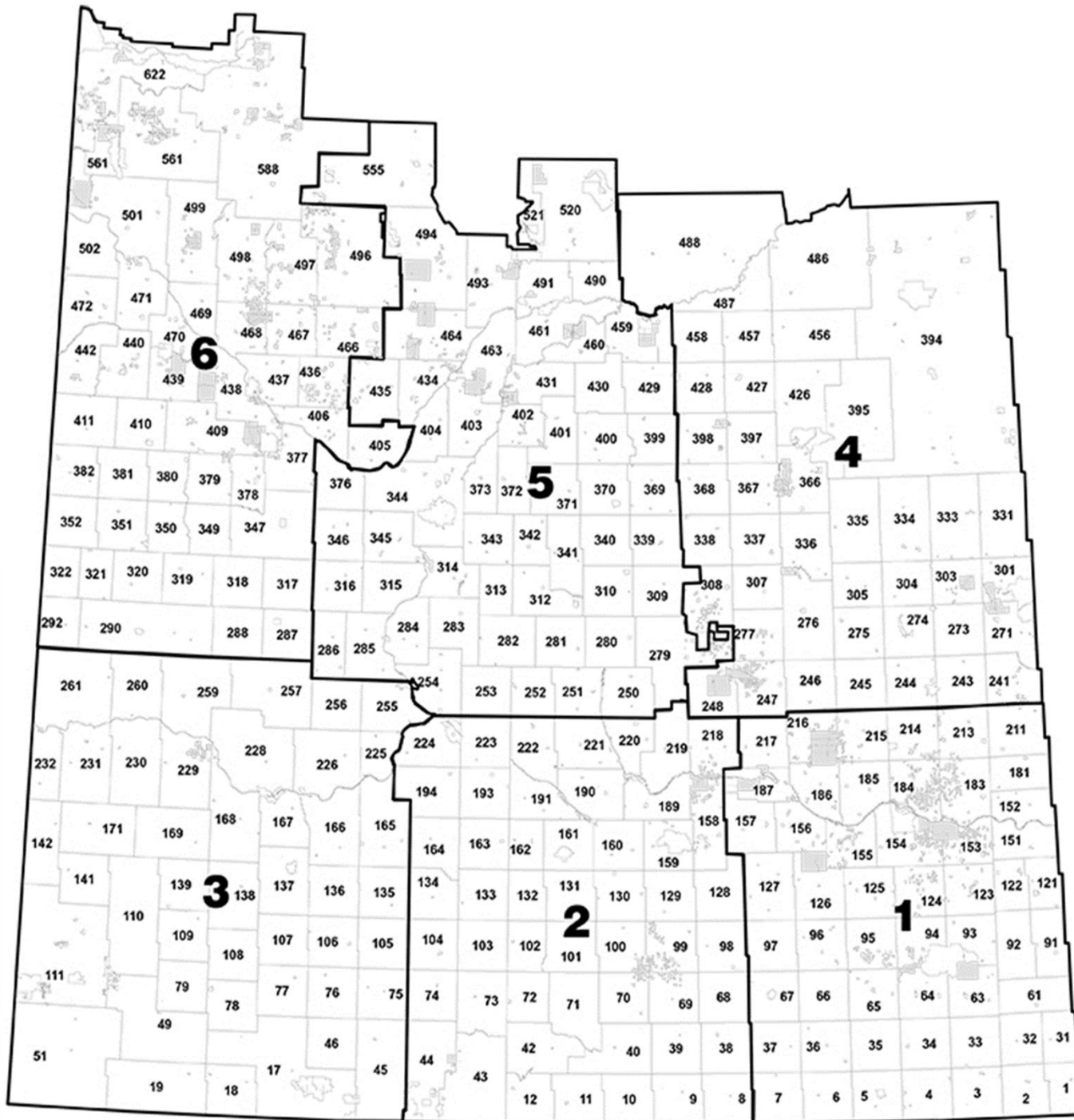
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Plant Health Network

- Funding: \$715,000 fully funded through CAP
- Plant Health Officers
 - Human resources built to assist RMs and FNBs in 6 SARM Divisions
 - Plant Health Officers (PHO) contracted via SARM
 - Promote & support programs under PBP
 - Provide direct support, education and training to RMs, FNBs, Weed Inspectors, Pest Control Officers, and ratepayers
 - A link between the SK Ministry of Agriculture and SARM/RMs, and ratepayers



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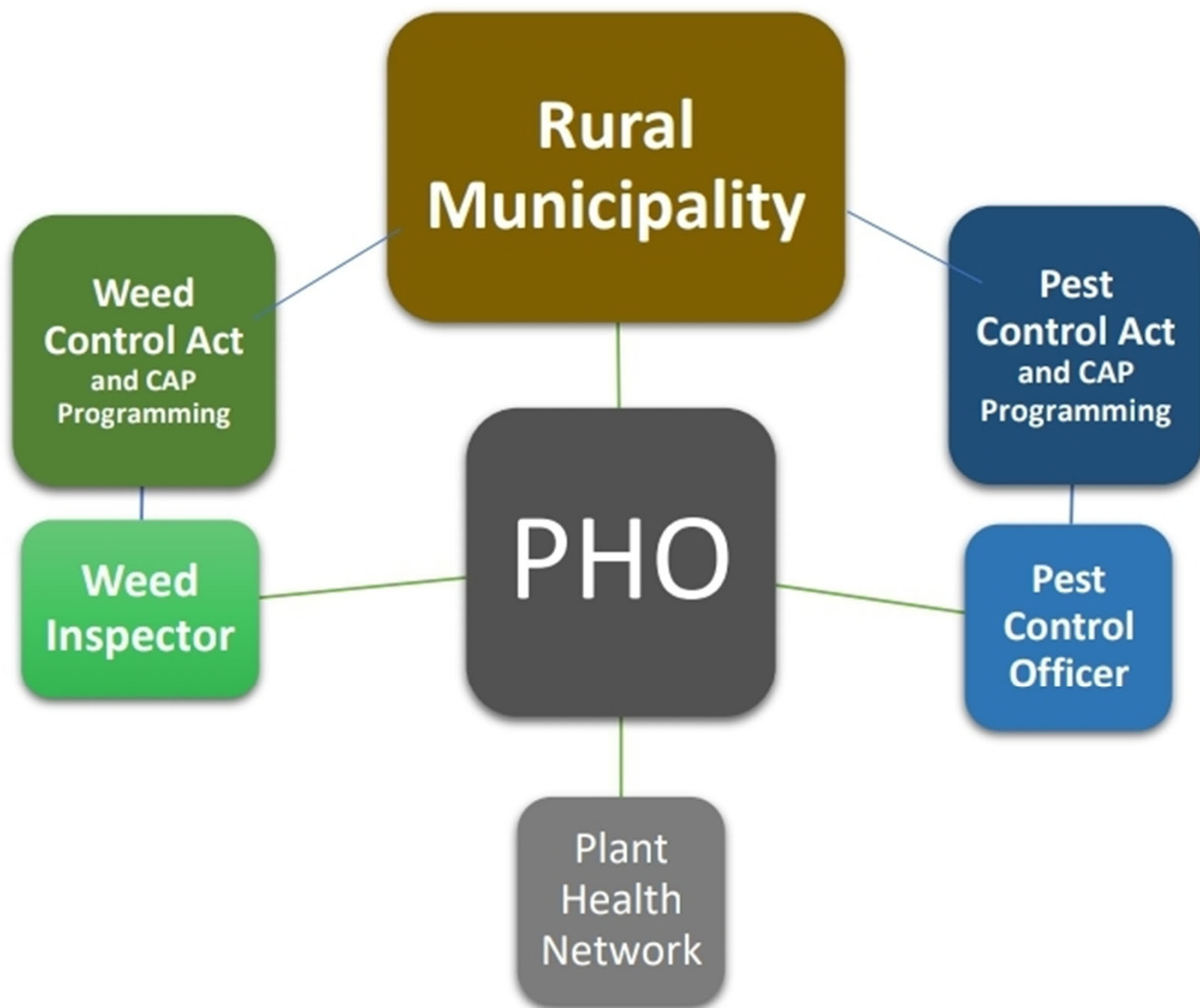
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Division 5
Chelsea
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Division 6
Colleen Fennig

Plant Health Officers

- All RMs and FNBs south of the Northern Administration District are eligible to access support from the Plant Health Officers when dealing with:
 - Prohibited and noxious weeds
 - Clubroot
 - Nuisance beavers,
 - Norway Rat and,
 - Other pests as declared/designated under *the Pest Control Act* and *the Weed Control Act* in Saskatchewan.
- Establish Early Detection and Rapid Response System (EDRR)
- Promote biosecurity best practices across SK



Questions?

For more information on the Plant Health Network or the rebate programs offered under the Pest Biosecurity Program, visit the SARM website at sarm.ca



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