

2024 1ST QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT

Agriculture Services



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
BONNYVILLE NO. 87

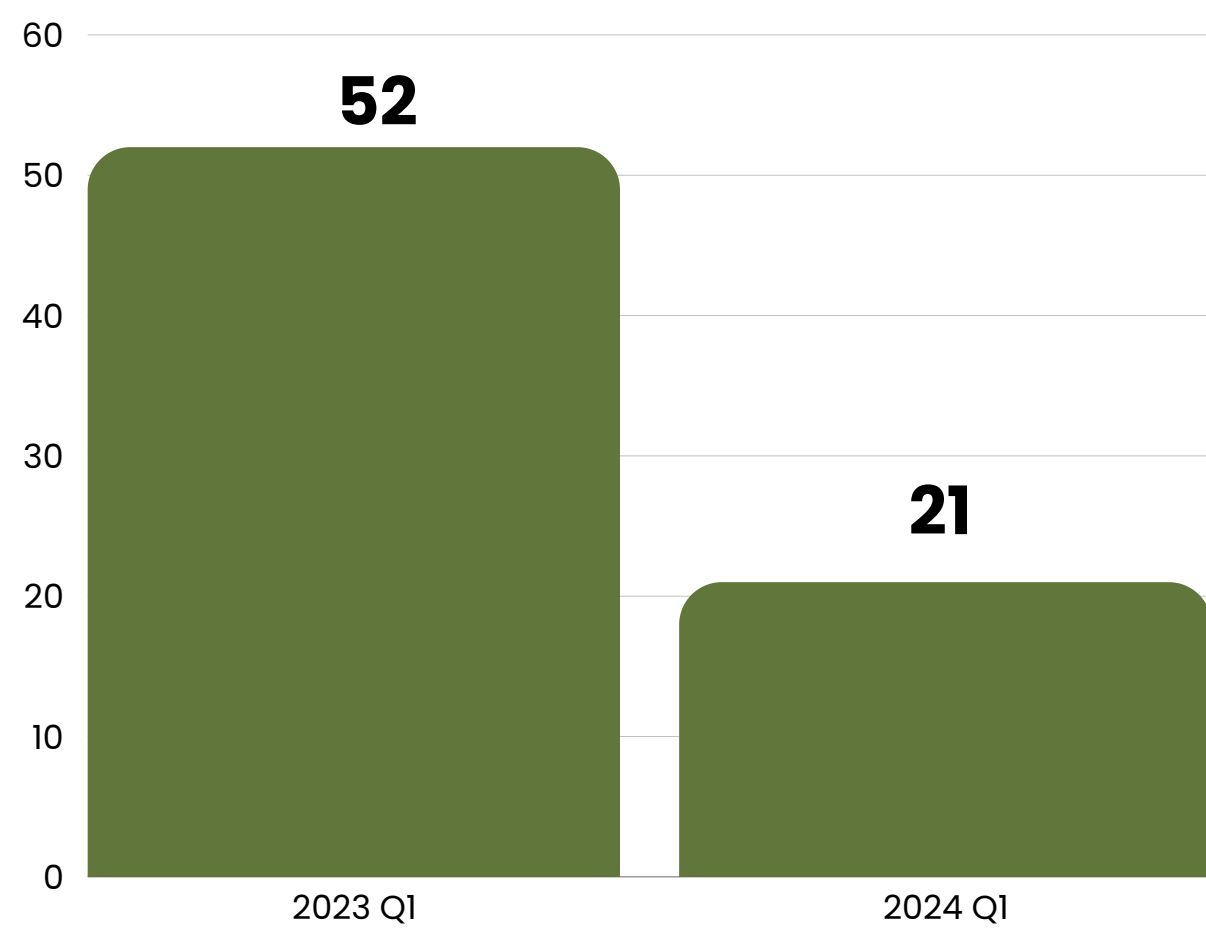
PEST CONTROL



Beaver Reduction and Blasting

This year we are anticipating fewer problem beaver areas due to the dry conditions in the M.D.

Beaver Reduction Program

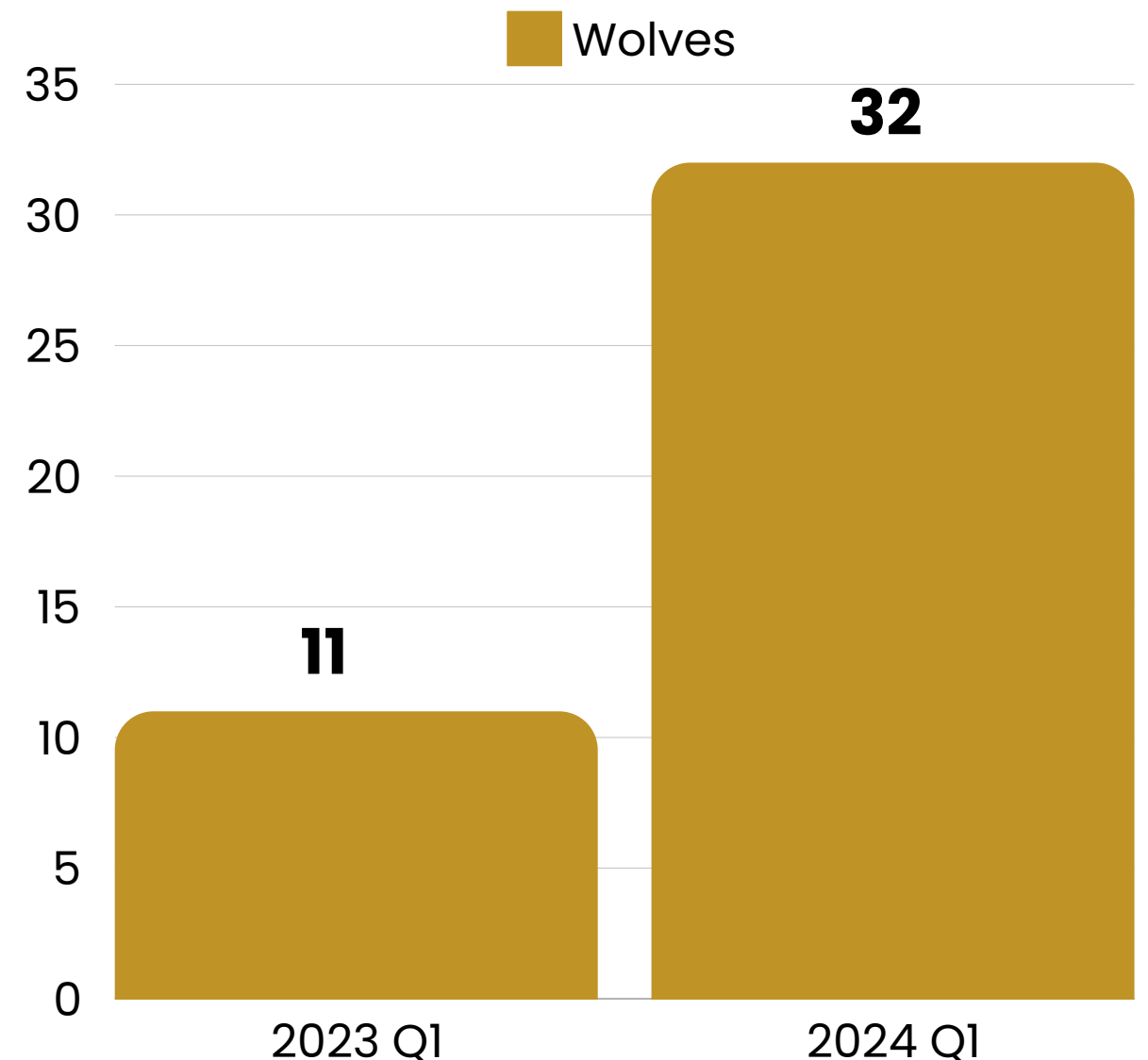
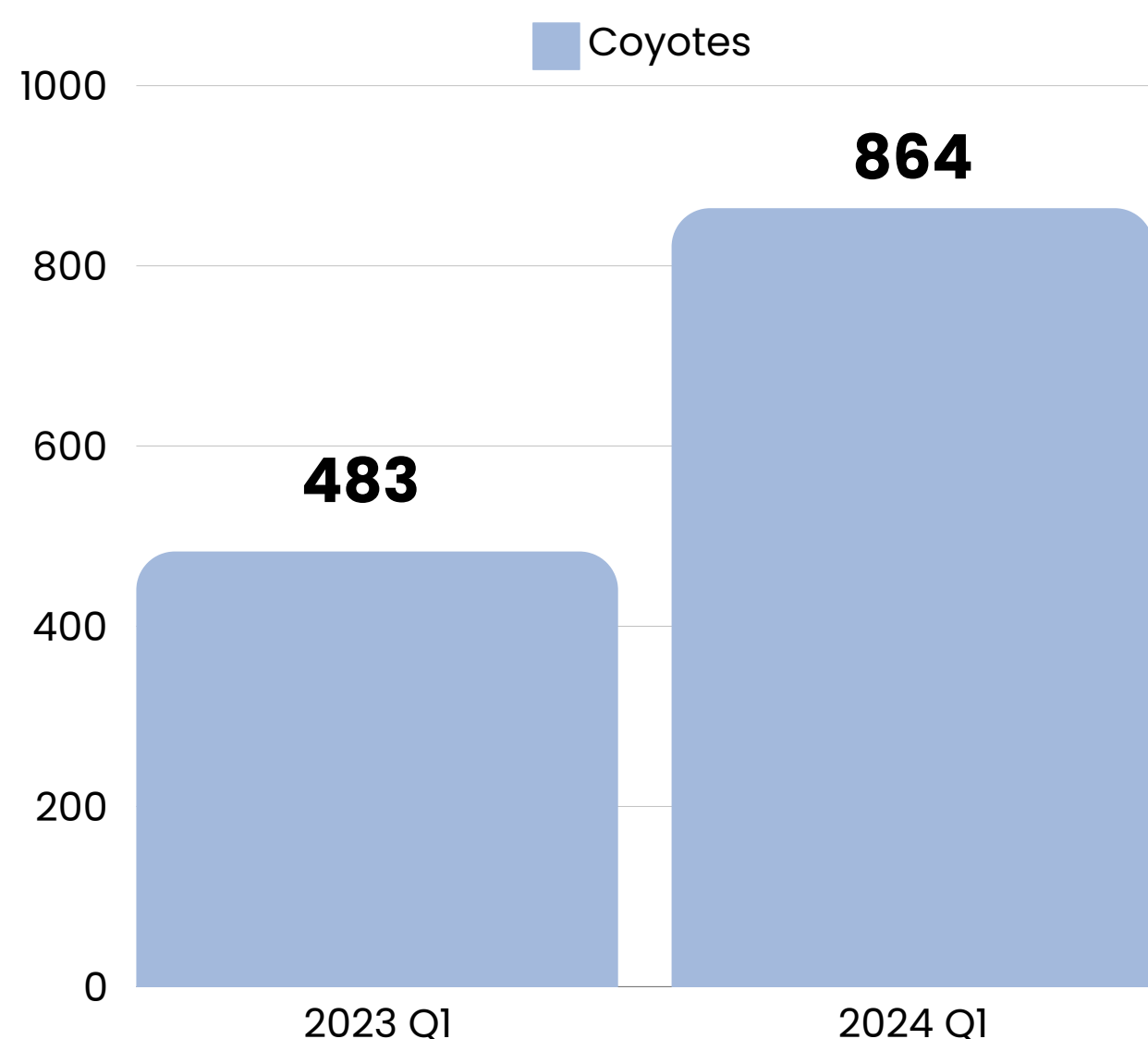


Rat/Rabies Control Program

In range one, 475 rat inspections have been completed. A total of 585 inspections will be completed this spring. The second round of inspections will be completed this fall as stated in our agreement with Alberta Agriculture.

Alberta Agriculture made the decision to suspend the rabies surveillance program for 3-years. No skunks have been identified to have rabies through the program and Alberta is considered low risk. The program will be re-evaluated in 2026.

Coyote & Wolf Reduction Program



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Wild Boar at Large

The Wild Boar Program ended on March 31, 2023 for ears and March 31, 2024 for sounder trapping.

The M.D. will continue to investigate any potential sightings. We received one inquiry from Alberta Agriculture on a possible sighting in the Wolf Lake area. After investigation it was determined to be an escaped domestic pig



Richardson Ground Squirrel Control



With the de-regulation of strychnine, Rozol and Zinc Phosphide are two control options available to producers. These products can be purchased at most local feed stores and the M.D. has Rozol in-stock for purchase.

The M.D. also has traps available to rent.



Agricultural Service Board

The ASB attended the annual the annual conference in Lethbridge, AB. At the Town Hall, ADM John Conrad discussed a three-year plan for improving the province's water management and increasing water availability for communities and businesses. The funding will be used to advance the 4 pillars of the province' water strategy; **water storage, water management, water conservation, and real-time data and information.**

Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation is undertaking a review of the *Alberta Weed Control Act*. ASB's will asked for input and discussion on the weeds that are currently present on the Prohibited Noxious and Noxious list.

The ASB also attended the Crossroads conference in Calgary, AB.

VSI Program

	Claims	Animals Units	Cost
Q1	1223	7099	\$24, 857.41

Shelterbelt Program

Shelterbelt trees went on sale March 12, 2024. There are still a few varieties left for residents to purchase. The program was again popular with our residents. Some of the varieties offered sold out in the first 15 minutes. Trees will be available for pick-up at the end of May.

Bonnyville Seed Cleaning Plant

The Bonnyville Seed Cleaning Plant held its annual AGM on February 22, 2024. Two board members terms ended, Curtis Blain and Marcy MacEachern were elected as new board members. The seed plant has been busy cleaning and we have collected 8 samples for testing.