

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

QUARTER 1 COUNCIL REPORT





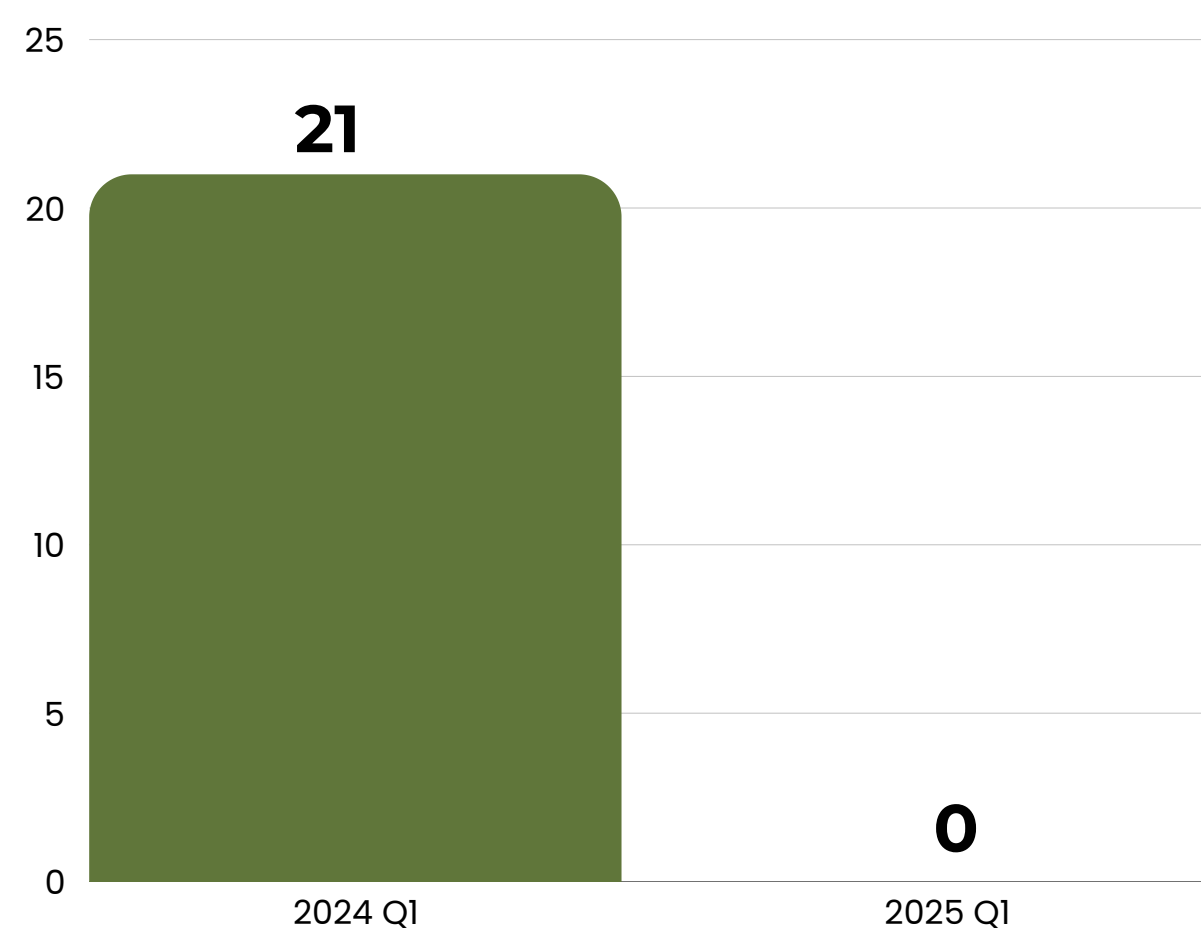
PEST CONTROL

Beaver Reduction and Blasting

This year we expect to see a similar number of beaver issues this year.

No tails have been submitted through the program yet, this year. No beaver dams have been removed this year.

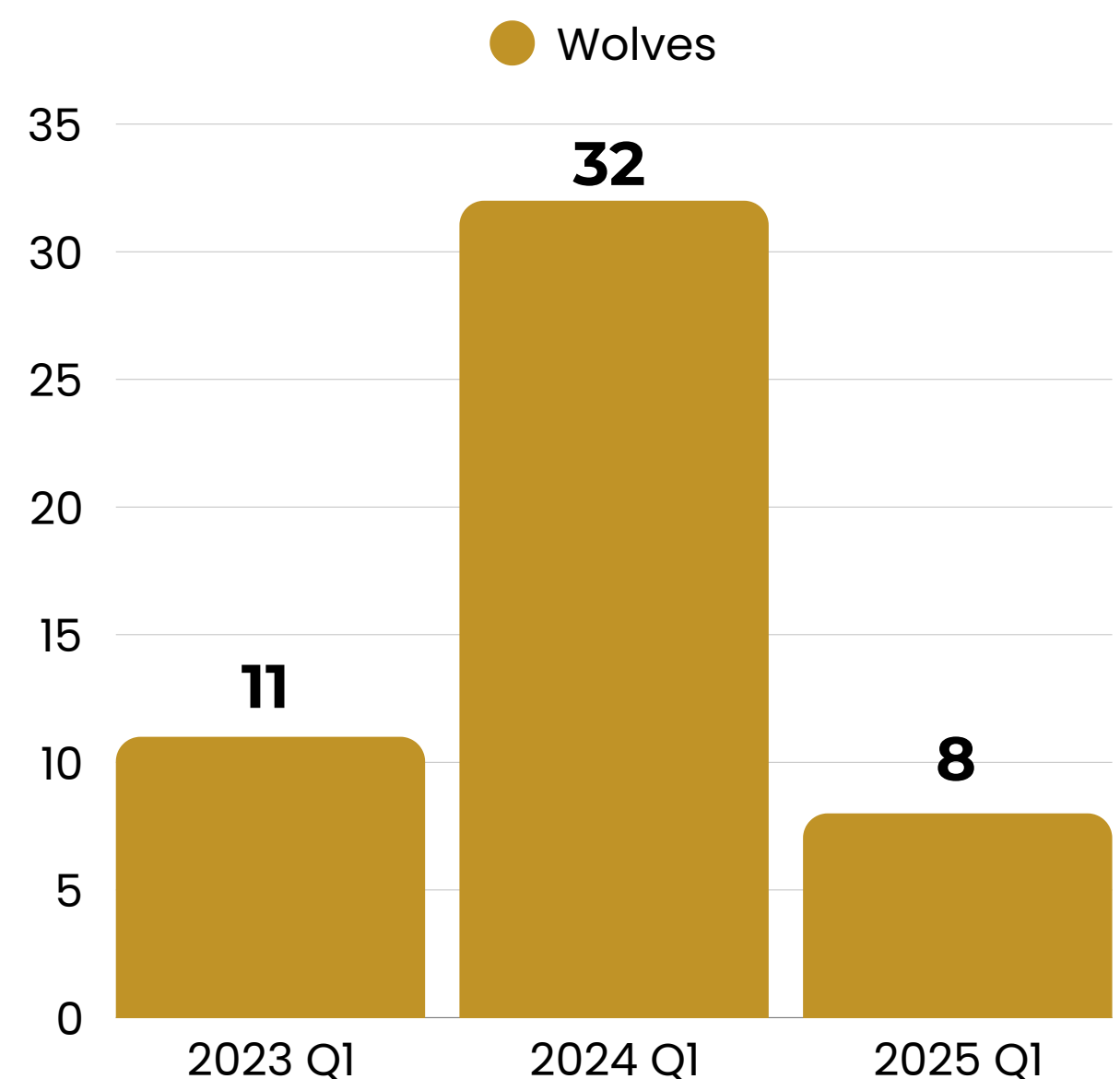
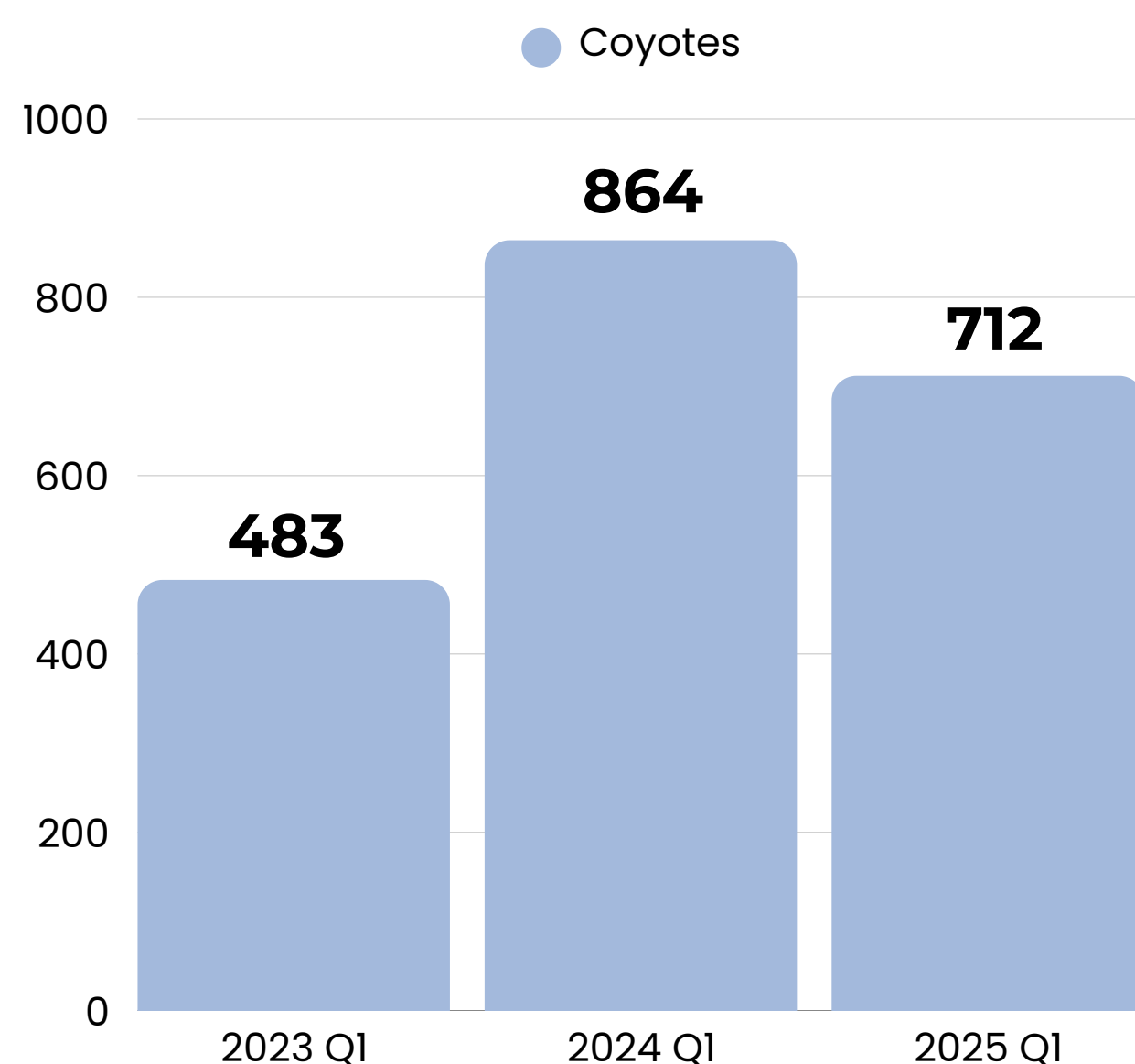
Beaver Reduction Program



Rat Control Program

In range one, 450 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.

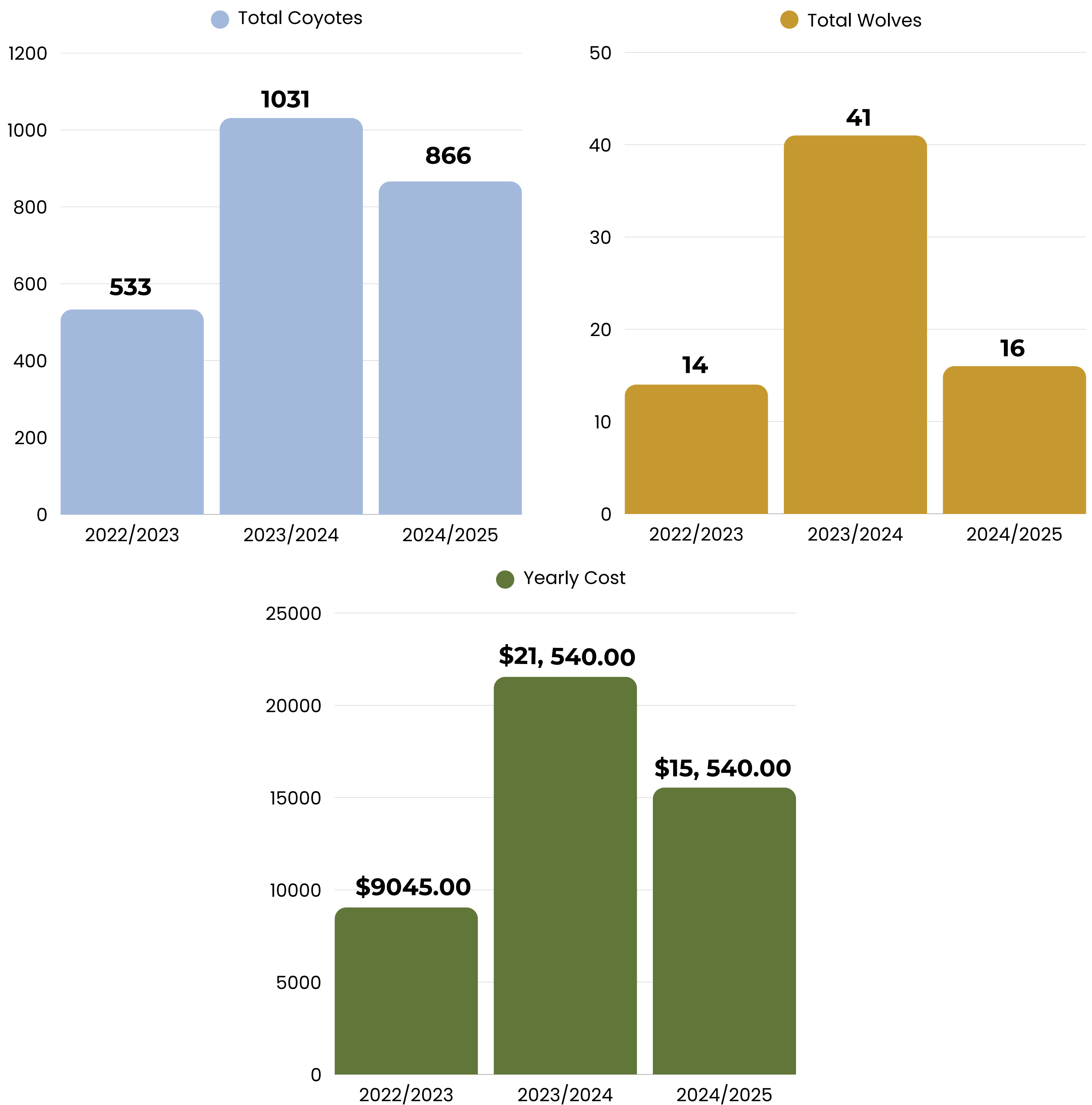
Coyote & Wolf Reduction Program



PEST CONTROL



Coyote & Wolf Reduction Continued





Agricultural Service Board

The ASB attended the Agricultural Service Board Conference in Edmonton January 20-22, 2025.

A few members from the ASB attended the Crossroads conference in Edmonton January 28-29, 2025. Attendees learned about new and advancing technologies, specifically ChatGPT. There is concern amongst the industry that the resources that influence ChatGPT are not agriculture focused and misinformation may spread.

The M.D. of Bonnyville has been chosen by Alberta Agriculture for a field visit this year. The primary focus of the field visit is to tour the M.D. and observe programs implemented under the ASB Grant Program. These visits are a learning opportunity between the M.D. and Provincial ASB staff. M.D. staff are busy preparing for the inspection.

VSI Program

	Claims	Animals Units	Cost
Q1	136	1204	\$27, 914.91

Shelterbelt Program

Shelterbelt trees went on sale March 11th, 2025. Once again, the program was popular amongst 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.

LARA

Ag Services staff attended various LARA events this winter. We gave a presentation on our programs at Eastbourne Hall on February 10th. The M.D. were represented at LARA's AGM on March 6th, Ranching for Profit on March 18th, and Innovation on the Ranch on March 26th, 2025.

Bonnyville Seed Cleaning Plant

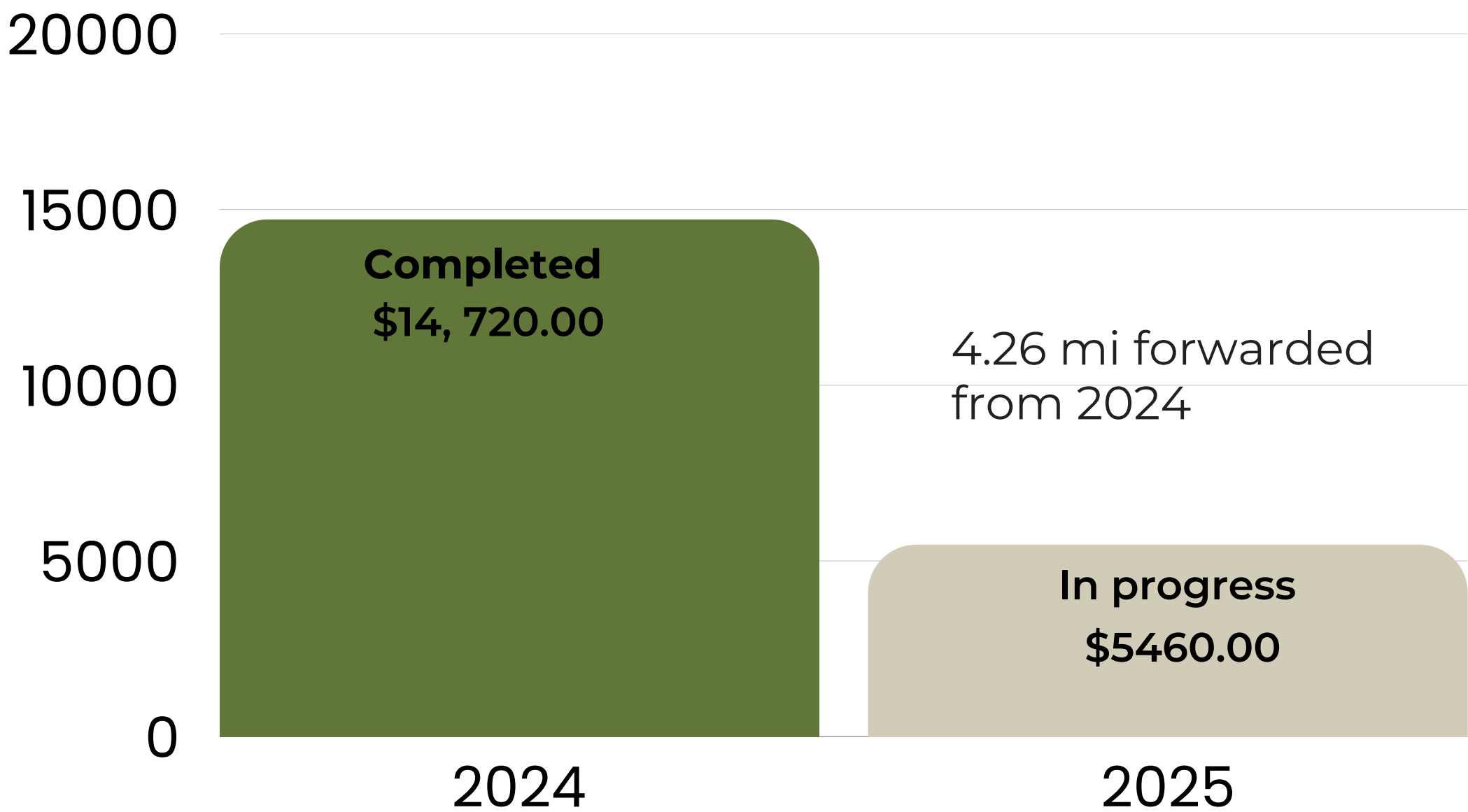
The Bonnyville Seed Cleaning Plant held its annual AGM on February 20, 2025. There was three terms up for renewal, members whose terms were up let their names stand. There were no new Board members. Various Bylaws were updated and voted on by the members. The seed plant has been busy cleaning and we have collected 4 samples for testing thus far



Little Bear
Aeration
Project

All five pumps are still running with no issues this winter. Weights were installed on the corners of the fence so when the ice starts to melt the fence does not float and get tangled in the pumps.

Fenceline
Clearing
Program



Ag Services
Staff Update

Staff attended the Professional Vegetation Management Association (PVMA) bi-yearly conference February 25-27th, 2025.

All our summer staff positions have been filled. Maintenance has been completed on all equipment and we are ready for a successful and productive season.

Questions?