



## LEASE AUCTION NEWSLETTER

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## LAND LEASE AUCTION

The Board of Directors of the Bow River Irrigation District (BRID) invites all interested irrigators to attend a public auction to be held at the Bow River Irrigation District office (outside) on **Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 11:00 am** for nine parcels of irrigated cultivation land and four parcels of dryland grass. All BRID irrigators (anyone owning land within the BRID with irrigation acres on the assessment roll) are eligible to bid on these leases if they are pre-registered by 4:30 pm on Monday, July 25, 2022. Proxy bidding will be allowed. Pre-registration must be done on BRID forms.

*To obtain additional details, including copies of the lease agreement(s), crop rotation and chemical application history, and to register for the auction, please contact George Thiessen at 403-654-2111 or [george.thiessen@brid.ca](mailto:george.thiessen@brid.ca).*

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### GRAZING LEASES

The four parcels will be auctioned off individually with the winning bidder receiving that parcel. The high bid will be the annual rate for the lease plus property taxes and GST.

*Dryland grass grazing leases up for renewal:*

- N.E. 21-13-15-W4M, 149 acres, 40 AUMs
- S.E. 21-13-15-W4M, 155 acres, 40 AUMs
- S.E. 8-14-17-W4M, 89 acres, 25 AUMs
- S.E. 5-14-14-W4M, 77 acres, 22 AUMs

The dryland grazing leases are **5-year terms**. A non-refundable deposit of the bid amount is due the day of the auction; this is applied to the first-year lease amount. Sub-leasing is not permitted on grazing leases.

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## CULTIVATION LEASES

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Bids will be based on a dollar per acre per year amount. The highest bidder in the first round will have their choice of as many of the parcels as they wish, with the same dollar per acre rate for all parcels. If the original high bidder does not take all the parcels in the first round, the high bidder in the second round will then have their choice of as many of the remaining parcels as they wish. This will continue until all parcels have been taken.

The successful bidder(s) will be responsible for the power costs, land taxes, GST, and water rates in addition to the annual rent for all the parcels. **Sub-leasing to non-irrigators will be allowed.**

A non-refundable deposit of \$20 per acre plus GST is payable the day of the auction; this is applied to the first-year lease amount.

**The BRID will supply the pivot and pump for the following eight parcels:**

New cultivation leases:

Four pivots near Scope Reservoir:

- Pivot S1, 144 acres, N.W. 6-13-13-W4M
- Pivot S2, 181 acres, S.E. 6-13-13-W4M
- Pivot S3, 203 acres, S ½ 31-12-13-W4M
- Pivot S4, 101 acres, S.E. 32-12-13-W4M

All interested irrigators are encouraged to do thorough site inspections for the new Scope pivots prior to the day of the auction. A guided group tour of the new pivot development will be held on July 21, 2022, starting at 9:00 am. Any irrigators wanting to attend this tour are asked to confirm attendance with George Thiessen by 4:30 pm on July 20, 2022.

Cultivation leases up for renewal:

Four pivots in the Y pastures:

- Pivot Y1, 159 acres, N.E. 6-14-14-W4M
- Pivot Y2, 150 acres, S.E. 7-14-14-W4M
- Pivot Y3, 145 acres, S.W. 7-14-14-W4M
- Pivot Y4, 106 acres, N.W. 6-14-14-W4M

A guided group tour of these pivots will be held on July 21, 2022, starting at 1:30 pm. Any irrigators wanting to attend this tour are asked to confirm attendance with George Thiessen by 4:30 pm on July 20, 2022.

These eight cultivation leases are **4-year terms**. A link with aerial photos taken on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 can be emailed to any interested irrigators.

**The lessee must supply the irrigation equipment for the following parcel:**

70-acre irrigated cultivation parcel, currently irrigated grass:

- 70 acres N.W. 12-13-16-W4M

This cultivation lease is an **8-year term**.