## **NORWAY RATS** *Rattus norvegicus*





Rats are native to Asia, in North America, they are considered a pest.

## **SIGNS OF RATS**

- droppings
- gnaw or chew marks
- burrows or nests
- rub marks on walls
- strange noises



reproduce multiple times a year, at **8** weeks old, with up to 12 litters per year of **12-18 rats** 



Rats can host **more than 35** different diseases that can be transmitted to humans.

## \$19,000,000,000

Rat damages (food contamination, structural, public health risks and agricultural losses) are estimated to cost \$19 billion annually in the US.

## Report signs or sightings to:

- rats@gov.ab.ca
- your local municipality
- 310-FARM
- EDDMapS app

