

	<b>Council Policy</b>		
	Classification <b>Agriculture</b>		Policy No. <b>AG 3.3</b>
	Policy Title <b>Control of Clubroot Disease in Canola</b>		
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References:

## Purpose

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To allow the County of Stettler No. 6 to set the control measures to be used against Clubroot in Canola crops.

## Statement

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The County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Service Board recognizes that Clubroot of Canola is a serious pest problem and supports the principle to control the spread of Clubroot which has been declared a pest under the Agricultural Pests Act. Under the Pest Control Act it is a responsibility of a local authority to prevent the establishment of, or to control or destroy pests in a municipality.

## General Guidelines

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1. Random field inspections will be conducted by the Agricultural Fieldman or by any other inspectors as appointed by the County of Stettler No. 6.
2. Focused inspections will be conducted on fields related to positive findings
3. Inspectors will follow procedures set out by the County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Service Board on proper sampling techniques and protocols for entering upon land.
4. Positive identification of Clubroot shall be obtained by laboratory testing.
5. When land is verified positive for Clubroot the landowner will be notified in writing with a written legal notice in accordance with the *Province of Alberta Agricultural Pests Act*.
6. The notice will prohibit the growing and cultivation of canola, mustard or any other crop susceptible to Clubroot infection for a period of four years.

7. The owner/occupants of the land on which a notice has been issued will be required to follow the *Best Management Guidelines* set out by *Alberta Agriculture and Food in the Clubroot Management Plan* to reduce the spread of the disease through the movement of soil and equipment. They are also responsible to ensure that any other persons/equipment entering onto the infected land follow the above Guidelines.
8. Any land location(s) found to be positive for Clubroot, will be available to those who have a valid interest in that information.
9. After the four (4) year restriction of any crucifer crop has expired, canola, or mustard crops may be grown on the land, but **must** be a clubroot resistant variety as stated in the *Best Management Plan* set out by the Province and furthermore, proof of purchase **must** be provided to the Agricultural Fieldman or designate for approval **before** seeding the crop.
10. Following the *Best Management Plan* set out by the Province, using the proper rotation of crops (one in four years), each year that a crucifer crop is planted, use clubroot-resistant varieties (by alternating clubroot-resistant varieties with different sources of resistance) in areas where the disease is established.
11. A person who has an interest in the land as an owner or occupant and feels personally aggrieved by a Notice issued by an inspector under Section 12 of the *Agricultural Pests Act* may appeal to the local authority of the County of Stettler No. 6 within ten (10) days of the Notice.
12. If a host crop is sown on land that is known to be infected by Clubroot and a Notice has been issued on the property restricting the growth of host crops, the host crop shall be destroyed at the landowner/occupants expense.
13. All landowners adjacent to the infected fields will be notified in writing that Clubroot has been identified in the area.
14. The County of Stettler No. 6 Agricultural Service Board will provide information and education to landowners regarding the spread of the disease.
  - a. Information package will include:
    - i. *Agricultural Pests Act*
    - ii. *Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development Clubroot Management Plan*
    - iii. County of Stettler No. 6 Council Policy Manual's Agriculture Policy AG 3.3 – Control of Clubroot Disease in Canola

## Procedures

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### Clubroot Management Recommendations for Equipment Movement

15. It is the responsibility of the equipment owners that the equipment be:
  - a. clean before entering the County of Stettler No. 6. Proper steam cleaning is required as the County of Stettler No. 6 is currently considered a "low risk".
  - b. steam cleaned or pressure washed when moving between separate sites.
  
16. In a pipeline situation, once the topsoil has been removed from several consecutive properties, steam cleaning/pressure washing will not be required when crossing the fence lines between properties.
  
17. When bringing topsoil onto a reclamation site, the topsoil should be sourced from the landowner or from a trusted source nearby (ie: neighbour).
  
18. The owner or occupants of the land who are disturbing the soil will have the responsibility to follow best management guidelines set out by *Alberta Agriculture and Food* to reduce the spread of disease with the movement of soil and equipment.

## Policy Authorization

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