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Policy Title VIRULENT BLACKLEG OF CANOLA		

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The Agricultural Committee of Lacombe County supports action to control and eliminate Virulent Blackleg of Canola which is a pest under the Agricultural Pest Act.

1. Positive identification of virulent blackleg shall normally be obtained by a laboratory test, or any other means approved by the Agricultural Fieldman.
2. A "Notice to Control Pests" shall be issued pursuant to the Agricultural Pests Act to landowner(s) and tenant(s) of land(s) infested with virulent blackleg. The notice served shall contain all conditions as listed in Appendix 1.
3. All landowners and tenants surrounding the lands infested with virulent blackleg shall be notified of the pest and encouraged not to plant canola on adjoining lands for a period of three years.

APPENDIX 1

Blackleg Control on Infested Land

1. Bury canola residue (stubble, straw) in the fall, or just prior to planting a non-canola crop in early spring if soil erosion is a problem on the land.
2. In the three seasons immediately following the issuance of the Notice, to avoid bringing any infected canola residue to the surface, shallow tillage or direct seeding of non-host crops shall be used.
3. Blackleg infested land must be kept in non-host crops such as cereal, grass, alfalfa, clover or peas for three years immediately following the issuance of this Notice.
4. The non-host crop planted on known infested land must be kept free of any wild mustard or volunteer canola.
5. Seed harvested from infested crops **shall be prohibited** for use as seed and shall be sold for crushing or export.

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