

COUNTY OF LAMONT NO. 30

POLICY

TITLE : CONTROL OF BLACKLEG IN CANOLA

AUTHORITY : AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT : THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD WILL TAKE ACTIVE MEASURES TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF BLACKLEG IN CANOLA WITHIN THE AREA OF ITS ADMINISTRATION

PURPOSE : TO PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SPREAD OF BLACKLEG IN CANOLA WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LAMONT NO. 30

POLICY RESOLUTION : 94-435

PROCEDURE : Control:

1. The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) may conduct an annual random survey to detect blackleg in canola within the County of Lamont No. 30.
2. Any land known or suspected to be infested with blackleg should be reported to the ASB.
3. The presence of any suspected blackleg will be confirmed by laboratory analysis.
4. Landowners/occupants with land having a confirmed blackleg in canola infestation, will receive a Letter of Recommendation from the ASB outlining appropriate control and management procedures.
5. A notice to control pests under the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act, Sections 12 and 13, may be issued to a landowner and/or occupant with a confirmed blackleg in canola infestation, directing them to undertake the following control measures:
 - a) Bury infected canola stubble no later than May 15 of the following season.
 - b) Seed only non-host crops for the following three seasons on land confirmed with blackleg.
 - c) The non-host crop planted on known infested land must be kept free of all volunteer canola and wild mustard.

- d) Seed harvested from infected crops shall be prohibited for use as seed and shall be sold for crushing and export.
6. Non-compliance will be referred to the Agricultural Pests Act, Sections 13, 14, 17, 19 and 20.

Protection:

1. All landowners and/or occupants within 1/2 mile of a confirmed infestation will be notified of the infestation, and be advised not to seed canola adjacent to the infested land for three years.
2. All landowners and/or occupants of blackleg free land are encouraged to use certified seed tested free of blackleg, or use blackleg tolerant varieties of canola.