

WHEATLAND COUNTY 16

ASB POLICY SECTION 2.3.5

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#### PURPOSE

Effective Date: New Policy

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Revised:

As Clubroot is a declared pest under the Agricultural Pests Act, Wheatland County will undertake the following measures to help prevent the spread of this disease within the municipality.

1. Random field inspections will be conducted by the Agricultural Fieldman or other inspectors appointed by the Municipality.
2. Inspectors will follow procedures set out by Wheatland County Agricultural Services on proper sampling techniques and protocol for entering upon land.
3. Positive identification of Clubroot shall include visible root gall symptoms, visible adverse effects on top growth as well as a positive PCR test on root material.
4. A positive PCR test on soil alone will be considered a risk indicator and that the field should be monitored for Clubroot symptoms in susceptible plants in the future.
5. When land is verified positive for Clubroot, the landowner will be notified in writing with a legal notice in accordance with the Province of Alberta's Agricultural Pest Act, requiring that no host crops be seeded on the property for four (4) years, and other required management practices will be identified.
6. Adjacent landowners to the affected property may be notified in writing that Clubroot is present.
7. If a host crop is sown on land that has been verified positive for Clubroot and a notice has been issued on this property restricting the growth of host crops, the host crop shall be destroyed.
8. The owner or occupants of the land will have the responsibility to follow best management practices as outlined by Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development to reduce the spread of the disease with the movement of soil and equipment.