

Cardston County Policy

For The Control Of Clubroot

Cardston County 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.

1. Fields that look suspect and fields that are reported by farmers and field scouts will be inspected, also random field inspections will be conducted by the Agriculture Fieldman or by Inspectors appointed by Cardston County.
2. Inspectors will follow procedures established by Cardston County Agriculture Service Board on proper sampling techniques and protocol for entering upon land.
3. Positive identification of Clubroot shall be confirmed by a certified laboratory test (one positive root will be classified as a positive field).
4. When land is verified positive for Clubroot 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 Clubroot.
5. The notice will prohibit the growing of canola, mustard, cruciferous crops, cruciferous weeds (stinkweed, etc) orchardgrass, red clover, perennial ryegrass and creeping bentgrass for a period of **five years**. Under no circumstances will these crops be permitted to be grown. After 5 years a soil sample must be taken to see if any Clubroot is found. If found another 5 year restriction will be in place.
6. 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 Cardston County within ten days of the Notice.
7. Any prohibited crops grown within a five year period **MUST** be destroyed in accordance to the agricultural pest act.
8. The owner or occupants of the land who are disturbing the soil will have the responsibility to follow the best management guidelines set out by Alberta Agriculture and Food Agdex 140/638-1 to reduce the spread of disease with the movement of soil and equipment.
9. All landowners and tenants surrounding the lands infested with Clubroot shall be notified of the pest. Also Fertilizer companies in the area and Oil & Gas companies will be notified.
10. All fields infested with Clubroot will be posted with signs indicating No Trespassing due to a disease in the field.
11. Straw and chaff must not leave the field.
12. A caveat will be placed on the land title of land that has tested positive for Clubroot, and will be removed after the 5 year period.