

**LAMONT COUNTY
POLICY**

- TITLE:** CONTROL OF CLUBROOT DISEASE IN CANOLA
- AUTHORITY:** AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
- POLICY STATEMENT:** THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD WILL TAKE ACTIVE MEASURES TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF CLUBROOT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF LAMONT COUNTY
- PURPOSE:** TO PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SPREAD OF CLUBROOT WHICH IS A PEST UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL PESTS ACT AND FOLLOW THE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP) SET OUT BY THE ALBERTA CLUBROOT MANAGEMENT PLAN
- POLICY RESOLUTION:** ASB08-019, ASB09-070, ASB10-091
- PROCEDURE:**
1. Random Field inspections will be conducted by the Agricultural Fieldman or by any other inspectors appointed by the Agricultural Service Board.
 2. Inspection will consist of a minimum of 25 fields surveyed throughout Lamont County where canola, mustard and Cole crops are currently being grown. Additional fields, at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman may be surveyed if there is a suspicion of clubroot within a field or area.
 3. Clubroot survey method, reporting form, and calculation of disease incidence will exactly follow standard protocols provided by the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan.
 4. The first positive survey results for an individual field with no prior history of clubroot will be confirmed by a laboratory test (PCR). If a positive lab test (PCR) is found, a second PCR will be requested from the lab for a guarantee.

5. When land is verified positive for clubroot, the landowner will be notified in writing with a legal notice in accordance with the Agricultural Pests Act.
6. The notice will prohibit the growth of canola, mustard, or Cole crops for a period of:
 - (a) 3 years with low incidence (1 positive site out of 10 sample sites in field)
 - (b) 5 years for a moderate to high incidence of clubroot (2 or more positive sites out of 10 sample sites)
 - (c) Areas that have been prohibited from growth of canola may be seeded with a recommended clubroot resistant variety after the periods outlined in sections 6(a) and 6(b) subject to the approval of the producer's Clubroot Management Plan.
 - (d) Producer's Clubroot Management Plan shall be developed with consideration to the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan which is attached to and forms a part of this policy.

Any lands sown back to Cole crops within these guidelines will be destroyed as per the Agricultural Pests Act.

7. The owner or occupants of the land who are disturbing the soil will have the responsibility to follow the guidelines set out under the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan to reduce the spread of the disease with the movement of soil and equipment.
8. Awareness and education will be provided by the Agricultural Services administration to landowners and County departments regarding the spread of the disease.
9. This policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis or as necessary by the Agricultural Service Board.