

**Procedure 3.AG Control of Virulent Blackleg**

**Purpose** To allow the County of Stettler No. 6 to set the control measures to be used against Virulent Blackleg infestations.

**Statement** The Agricultural Service Board of the County of Stettler No. 6 will encourage those practices designed to prevent the establishment of Virulent Blackleg of Canola, including planting certified seed, seed treating, seed testing for disease, and crop rotation.

The Agricultural Fieldman, may conduct a random survey to determine the incidence and location of Virulent Blackleg infestations within the County of Stettler No. 6.

On land where Virulent Blackleg has been positively identified, the owner will be issued a Notice, under the Agricultural Pests Act, R.S.A. 2000, to control pests and the following procedures will be followed:

1. All Canola residue is to be worked under in the fall or early spring in erodable areas.
2. Planting of Canola on affected land will be prohibited for a period of three (3) years.
3. Crops seeded on known infested land must be kept free of any wild mustard or volunteer Canola.
4. Adjacent landowners will be notified of the proximity of virulent blackleg infestations. Planting of Canola within one-half mile of known infested land will be strongly discouraged.
5. After expiry of the three-year prohibition period for planting of Canola, any Canola seeded must be disease free certified seed which has been treated with a recommended fungicide.
6. Seed harvested from infested crops shall not be used for seed and should not be sold for crushing or export.

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