

**POLICY**

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Policy Title <b>CLUBROOT OF CANOLA</b>		

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**Purpose**

The Agricultural Committee of Lacombe County recognizes that Clubroot of Canola is a serious problem and supports action to control the spread of Clubroot of Canola which is a pest under the Agricultural Pest Act.

**Procedures**

1. Inspections will be conducted by the Agriculture Fieldman or by Inspectors appointed by Lacombe County.
2. Inspectors will follow procedures established by Lacombe County Agriculture Services on proper sampling techniques and protocol for entering upon land.
3. Positive identification of Clubroot of Canola shall be confirmed by a certified laboratory test.
4. When land is verified positive for Clubroot of Canola 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 of Canola.
5. The notice will prohibit the growing of canola, mustard, cruciferous crops, 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.
6. Any prohibited crops grown within a five year period will be destroyed.
7. 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 to reduce the spread of disease with the movement of soil and equipment.
8. All landowners and tenants surrounding the lands infested with Clubroot of Canola shall be notified of the pest.