

<p>MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL</p> <p>VIRULENT BLACKLEG IN CANOLA</p>	<p>Function: Policy No. Effective Date: Supercedes: Amends:</p>	<p>Agriculture Services ASB.21</p> <p>April 4, 2002</p>
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Policy Statement

The Agricultural Service Board (A.S.B.) shall enforce the Virulent Blackleg in Canola (*Leptosphaeria maculans*) as according to the Agricultural Pest Act, Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations AR 184/2001. Minimizing the impact of Virulent Blackleg of Canola on the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133 and the Peace Region.

Procedure

- 1) If Virulent Blackleg in Canola is found within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, the landowner will be encouraged to adopt the following measures:
 - a) Harvest the Canola crop with the total crop being sold for crushing or feed but not for seed.
 - b) Tarp any loads of Canola being transported from the infested land.
 - c) Clean any crop residue from all equipment and implements before taking it off the infested land.
 - d) Seed a non-host crop, seed Blackleg resistant Canola varieties or summerfallow, for 3 consecutive years from initial infestation.
 - e) In the 3 year period volunteer hosts must be controlled in summerfallow or seeded crops through chemical or mechanical means.
 - f) Landowners within a 1 mile radius shall be contacted, informed of the problem and discouraged from growing Canola.
 - g) Host crops within 5 miles shall be inspected yearly for Virulent Blackleg in Canola.
 - h) The seed source of the infested field shall be traced and any other suspect fields shall be inspected.
- 2) The Agricultural Fieldman shall keep all staff and residences informed of the symptoms of Virulent Blackleg in Canola.
- 3) Awareness should be created for Virulent Blackleg in Canola using handouts.
- 4) Assist and encourage area seed plants to implement policies to accept only Canola that is certified Virulent Blackleg free.