



# Clear Hills County

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| Effective Date: <b>January 11, 2022</b> | Policy Number<br><b>6306</b> |
| Title: <b>CLUBROOT OF CANOLA POLICY</b> |                              |

## 1. Policy Statement

- 1.1. Clear Hills County will implement procedures to reduce the possibility of introduction, limit the spread, and minimize yield losses of Clubroot in Canola in the County.

## 2. Responsibilities

- 2.1. Agricultural Services staff will conduct a minimum of 25 field inspections, as per Clubroot in Canola Procedure 6306-01, for Clubroot on Canola grown in the County. Fields will be selected according to the following criteria:
  - 2.1.1. Fields surrounding an infected field; or fields associated with an infected field through equipment, geography, ownership, etc.
  - 2.1.2. Canola fields displaying symptoms similar to those infected with Clubroot
  - 2.1.3. Fields with a short or no crop rotation. (ie. canola on canola)
  - 2.1.4. Random fields throughout the County for adequate surveying coverage.
- 2.2. Agricultural Services staff will educate producers, general public and other industry about Clubroot of Canola, through newsletters, publications, workshops and one-on-one communications.
- 2.3. Any Canola crops displaying symptoms of Clubroot infection will be sampled and samples will be sent to a credible laboratory for confirming or denying the presence of Clubroot.
- 2.4. Agricultural Service Board will work cooperatively with neighboring municipalities and primary producers.

## 3. Enforcement

- 3.1. Upon confirmation of a Clubroot infected Canola field in the County:
  - 3.1.1. The landowner and registered occupant will be notified in writing with a legal notice in accordance with the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act.
  - 3.1.2. All landowners and registered occupants within a 5 mile radius of the field where Clubroot was confirmed, will be sent written notice that Clubroot was confirmed within 5 miles of their property. Additional information including the *Alberta Clubroot Management Plan*, Clubroot of Canola Policy 6306, Clubroot identification information, equipment cleaning procedures and information on minimizing the spread of Clubroot.
  - 3.1.3. A County wide public notice will be issued, informing the general public, contractors, stakeholders, industry and all County landowners that Clubroot of Canola has been confirmed in the County. This will be posted in the County newsletter and the local newspaper.
- 3.2. A Notice given for Clubroot will require for the infected field:
  - 3.2.1. That no canola crop or any host crop shall be grown in that field for a minimum of 3 years, beginning with the year following the discovery of Clubroot infection

- in that field. In the 4<sup>th</sup> year a Clubroot resistant canola variety may be grown.
- 3.2.2. That all volunteer host plants (cultivars or weeds) must be destroyed to prevent more than 3 weeks growth.
  - 3.2.3. That straw, chaff, feed, dirt, and debris must not be removed from the field for 4 years following the year of detecting Clubroot in the field.
  - 3.2.4. That access areas to the infected field be seeded and maintained with non-susceptible grasses (for cleaning equipment).
  - 3.2.5. That all equipment leaving that field must be cleaned by removing all dirt, plant material, and debris.
- 3.3. Infected fields will be monitored for compliance for 4 years following the issuance of the Notice.
  - 3.4. Crops growing in non-compliance will be destroyed at the landowner's expense.
  - 3.5. Should enforcement be required, additional administrative fees will be charged at 15% of the cost of enforcement.

#### **4. Guidelines**

- 4.1. Alberta Clubroot Management Plan <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/7089438>
- 4.2. Peace Regional Clubroot Guideline 2.1 <F:\Agriculture\63-30 Pest Control\63-30-10 Crop Diseases\63-30-10 Clubroot\Peace Regional Clubroot Guideline 2.1 PRASB signed.docx>

#### **5. Reference to Legislation**

- 5.1. Agricultural Pests Act <http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/a08.pdf>
- 5.2. Pest and Nuisance Control Regulations of Alberta [http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2001\\_184.pdf](http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2001_184.pdf)
- 5.3. Clear Hills County Pest Control Policy (6303) <http://clearhillscounty.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/6303-Pest-Control.pdf>

#### **6. End of Policy**

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