

POLICY MANUAL

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PURPOSE:

Starland County Agricultural Service Board recognizes that Clubroot is a serious problem in cruciferous crops and supports the principle to control the spread of Clubroot which is a pest under the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act. It is the duty of a local authority to prevent the establishment of or to control or destroy pests in the municipality.

PROCEDURE:

1. Random field inspections will be conducted by the Agricultural Fieldman and /or other Inspectors appointed by Starland County.
2. Inspectors will follow procedures that are established by the Agricultural Service Board on proper sampling techniques and protocol for entering upon land.
3. Positive identification of Clubroot shall be obtained by a laboratory test.
4. When land is verified positive for Clubroot the landowner & occupant will be notified in writing with a legal notice per the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act.
5. This notice will prohibit the growth of any clubroot susceptible crop for a period of:
 - 3 Years if a Clubroot-resistant variety (proof of purchase verified by the fieldman) is grown; or
 - 4 Years if a non-resistant variety is planted; and
 - The producer must submit a signed Clubroot Management Plan with the Fieldman
6. A person who has an interest in land as an owner or occupant and feels personally aggrieved by a notice issued by an inspector under Section 12 of the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act may appeal to the local authority of Starland County within ten days of the notice.
7. If a host crop comes back with a verified positive for the presence of Clubroot, this crop will be allowed to be harvested and the notice under the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act will take effect once the field has been harvested.

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8. If a host crop is sown on the land that has Clubroot and a current notice has been issued on this property restricting the growth of host crops, the host crop shall be destroyed at the expense of the owner or occupant.
9. Survey results and legal locations of infested fields will be made available to all adjacent landowners, renters, and other parties with a genuine commercial interest in the affected property, under the provisions of the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act and the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation (section 10).
10. Agricultural Services staff will encourage and provide information to agricultural producers and property owners on the effective management of Clubroot.
11. This policy shall be reviewed by the Agricultural Service Board on an annual basis.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

POLICY APPROVAL:

POLICY AMENDMENTS/REVIEW:

