

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY

Section: 400

Policy: 408

**TITLE: Control of Clubroot Disease**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta RSA 2000**

**APPROVAL / RESOLUTION NUMBER: 362-08, 60-10, 483-12**

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**PURPOSE: A control measure to prevent the growth and spread of Clubroot in susceptible crops under the Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta RSA 2000.**

**GUIDELINES:**

- a) Susceptible crops within Lac Ste. Anne County will be inspected for the presence of Clubroot each growing season. This will take place in the months between July and September.
- b) Inspections will be conducted by the Agricultural Fieldman or by an Inspector appointed by the Lac Ste. Anne County Agricultural Service Board.
- c) Inspectors will follow procedures set out by Agricultural Services administration and the Northwest Region Agricultural Fieldmen on proper sampling techniques and protocol for entering upon land.
- d) When land is verified positive for Clubroot the landowner will be notified in writing with a legal notice under the Province of Alberta Pests Act.
- e) The notice will prohibit the growth of susceptible and mustard crops for the period of three years (1 in 4 rotation). Under no circumstances will these crops be permitted to be grown on the infected land(s) during the prohibited period of three years. In accordance with Alberta Agriculture's Best Management Practices, only a Clubroot resistant variety may be planted after the three year restriction.
- f) Any such crops then sown on the land within the three year restriction, the crop will be destroyed. The expenses of the removal of the prohibited crop will be charged to the landowner plus a **20%** administration fee, to a maximum administration fee of \$250.
- g) The owner or occupants of the land who are disturbing the soil have the responsibility to follow best management guidelines set out by Alberta Agriculture and Food to reduce the spread of disease, with the movement of soil and equipment.

- h) Agricultural Services administration staff will provide information and education to landowners regarding the spread of disease. Further, information may be obtained by contacting the Agricultural Services Board at 1-866-880-5722 or 1-780-785-3411

This policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Agricultural Service Board.