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## Control of Clubroot Disease

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**Purpose:** As a control measure to prevent the growth and spread of clubroot within susceptible crops.

- Guidelines:**
1. Susceptible crops within Lac Ste. Anne County will be inspected for the presence of clubroot.
  2. Inspections will be conducted by an authorized inspector. An Agricultural Fieldman under the *Agricultural Pest Act Section 6 (9)2*, is by virtue of that appointment, an inspector. Lac Ste. Anne County has the authority, under the *Agricultural Pest Act section 6 (9)1*, to appoint additional inspectors.
  3. Inspectors will adhere to inspection procedures, as determined appropriate by Agricultural Services administration.
  4. If land is verified positive for the presence of clubroot, the landowner/s will be notified in writing.
  5. Landowners of verified clubroot infected lands will be asked in writing to adhere to best farming practices as outlined in the Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, Alberta Clubroot Management Plan.
  6. Landowners of verified clubroot infected lands will be advised to adhere to a cropping restriction of three years for susceptible crops (1 in 4 rotation) on the affected lands.

7. The owner and/or occupants of the land who are disturbing the soil have the responsibility to follow best management guidelines as set out by Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, to reduce the spread of disease through the movement of soil and equipment.
8. Should a landowner choose not to adhere to the guidelines in the Alberta Clubroot management plan, a legal notice to control pests under the Authority of the Agricultural Pests Act RSA 2000 may be issued.
9. The notice prohibits the growth of susceptible and mustard crops for a period of three (3) years (1 in 4 rotation).
10. When a notice is issued, under NO circumstances are clubroot susceptible crops to be grown on the infected land(s) during the prohibited period of three years.
11. Only a Clubroot resistant variety may be planted on clubroot infected lands after the three-year restriction has elapsed.
12. A person who has an interest in the land as an owner or occupant and feels personally aggrieved by a notice issued by an inspector, under Section 21 of the Agricultural Pests Act, may appeal to the local authority of Lac Ste. Anne County within 10 days of the receipt of the Notice
13. Any susceptible crop sown onto land verified to be infected with clubroot during the three-year restriction, will be destroyed. All expenses incurred to remove the prohibited crop will be charged to the landowner in addition to a twenty percent (20%) administration fee, to a maximum administration fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
14. Agricultural Services administration staff are available to provide information and education regarding the spread of clubroot.

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