

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

POLICY: CONTROL OF CLUBROOT DISEASE

POLICY NO.: ASB 12

POLICY EFFECTIVE: October 24, 2013



POLICY:

The County of Minburn No. 27 recognizes that Clubroot of Canola is a serious problem and supports the principle to control the spread of Clubroot which is a pest under the Agricultural Pests Act. As well it is the duty of a local authority to prevent the establishment of, or to control or destroy pests in the municipality.

POLICY PROCEDURES:

1. Clubroot survey will be conducted by the Agricultural Fieldman and/or his designate or by any other Inspectors appointed by County of Minburn or Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development.
2. Clubroot survey methods and reporting form will follow standard protocols as recommended by the Alberta Clubroot Management Committee.
3. Positive identification of Clubroot shall be obtained by a laboratory test.
4. When land is verified positive for Clubroot the landowner will be sent a letter which will explain standard Industry recommended procedures for managing the infestation. This letter will identify best management practices for Clubroot management and recommend a 1 in 4 year rotation and use of a Clubroot resistant variety in the 4th year.
5. All fields known to have contained Clubroot will be checked each subsequent year and surveyed. Landowners that choose not to adhere to the 1 in 4 year rotation recommended in the original letter and Clubroot is located again, may be issued a Notice under authority of the Pest Control Act of Alberta. Producers not adhering to conditions set out in a Pest Control Act Notice will have their crop destroyed.
6. Adjacent landowners to new Clubroot locations will be notified of the new infestation by letter.