



SECTION: Agricultural Service Board
SUBJECT: Clubroot of Canola, Mustard, or other cruciferous crops

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To prevent the establishment and spread of Clubroot with the Special Areas and perform enforcement as required by the Agricultural Pests Act.

1. Random field inspections will be conducted by the Agricultural Fieldman or other inspectors appointed by the Special Areas Board.
2. Inspectors will follow procedures set out by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development on proper sampling techniques and protocol for entering upon land.
3. Positive identification of Clubroot shall include visible root gall symptoms, visible adverse effects on top growth as well as a positive laboratory test.
4. When land is verified positive for Clubroot, the landowner will be notified in writing with a legal notice in accordance with the Province of Alberta's Agricultural Pest Act, requiring that no host crops be seeded on the property for four (4) years, and other required management practices will be adhered to as outlined in the Clubroot Management Plan developed by Alberta Agriculture and Development.
5. Adjacent landowners to the affected property shall be notified in writing that Clubroot is present. Also, all Fertilizer companies in the area, as well as Oil, Gas and Utility companies will be notified.
6. If a host crop is sown on land that has been verified positive for Clubroot and a notice has been issued on this property restricting the growth of host crops, the host crop shall be destroyed.
7. The owner or occupants of the land will have the responsibility to follow best management practices as outlined by Alberta Agriculture & Rural Development to reduce the spread of the disease with the movement of soil and equipment.
8. Rental equipment owned by the Agricultural Service Boards of the Special Areas will not be rented on land that has tested positive for Clubroot.

This policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Agricultural Service Boards of the Special Areas.