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**POLICY NO. 11.10**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

**TITLE: CLUBROOT MANAGEMENT**

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**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Clubroot, *Plasmodiophora brassicae*, is a serious soil-borne disease of cruciferous crops and is a declared pest in Alberta. Crops it can affect include

**PURPOSE:**

This Policy sets out a program to prevent the growth and spread of clubroot in canola and other susceptible crops.

**DEFINITIONS:**

***Agricultural Service Board*** refers to Westlock County's Agricultural Service Board, established under the *Agricultural Service Board Act* of Alberta.

***Agricultural Services*** is a department of Westlock County.

***Alberta Agriculture and Forestry*** is a department of the Government of Alberta. It was formerly known as the department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

***Clubroot resistant varieties*** are varieties of crops that are normally susceptible to clubroot but have been engineered to be resistant to the disease.

***Landowner*** means a person who has title to land as well as legal occupants.

***Pest Inspector*** means a municipal Pest Inspector appointed by Westlock County under Alberta's *Agricultural Pest Act*.

***Westlock County*** means the municipal corporation, Westlock County.

**POLICY:**


- 1.** Every growing season, Westlock County Pest Inspectors will randomly inspect susceptible crops in Westlock County's jurisdiction for the presence of clubroot.
- 2.** Pest Inspectors will follow procedures on proper sampling techniques and protocols for entering land set out by Westlock County Agricultural Services.
- 3.** Westlock County will obtain positive identification of clubroot on lands, crops or other property by means of a laboratory test done by a laboratory that is qualified to carry out such tests.
- 4.** When Westlock County obtains positive identification of clubroot as per section 3 above, Westlock County will notify the landowner in writing.
- 5.** A landowner who has received notification, as per section 4 above, may ask that Agricultural Services collaborate with the landowner in developing an action plan to address the clubroot infestation on the landowner's land.
- 6.** Notwithstanding any plan the landowner and Agricultural Services devise together, if the infected crop is a canola crop the land owner will be required to Adhere to Provincial legislation.
- 7.** Sections 5 and 6 above notwithstanding, A Pest Inspector may issue a Pest Inspector's Notice to the landowner, in accordance with the *Agricultural Pests Act*, if the clubroot infestation is not effectively addressed.
- 8.** If a crop known to be susceptible to clubroot is sown the following year in a field testing positive for clubroot as per section 3, a Pest Inspector may issue a notice to the landowner instructing them to destroy that crop.
- 9.** Landowners who seed clubroot resistant varieties of crops to combat clubroot infestations, positively verified under section 3, will be required by Westlock County to present proof of the resistant seed to Agricultural Services.
- 10.** Landowners seeding clubroot resistant varieties as per section 9 shall adhere to Provincial legislation.


**11. When landowners are disturbing soil on their lands that have been infected with clubroot, landowners should follow best practices guidelines set out by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to reduce the spread of clubroot. Such practices may include, but are not limited to, washing soil off of equipment before the equipment exits the land parcel.**

The Agricultural Service Board will provide landowners with information on programs and best practices for combating this disease.

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