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**Control of Blackleg in  
Canola**

Policy No.: 6053  
Department: ASB  
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**Policy Statement:**

**The Agricultural Service Board will take active measure to control the spread of Blackleg in Canola within Lamont County.**

**Purpose: To prevent the establishment and spread of Blackleg in Canola within Lamont County.**

**Policy Resolution: 94-435, 02-300, ASB05-45, ASB 17-124**

**Procedures Associated With This Policy:**

**Control:**

- 1) The Agricultural Service Board (ASB) may conduct an annual random survey to detect blackleg in canola within Lamont County.**
- 2) Any land known or suspected to be infested with blackleg should be reported to the ASB.**
- 3) The presence of any suspected blackleg will be confirmed by laboratory analysis.**
- 4) Landowners/occupants with land having a confirmed Blackleg in canola infestation will receive a Letter of Recommendation from the ASB outlining appropriate control and management procedures.**
- 5) A notice to control pests under the Alberta Agricultural Pest Act, Section 12 ad 13 may be issued to a landowner and/or occupant with a confirmed blackleg in canola infestation, directing them to undertake the following control measures:**

- a) Bury infected canola stubble no later than May 15 of the following season
- b) Seed only non-host crops for the following three seasons on land confirmed with blackleg.
- c) The non-host crop planted on known infested land must be kept free of all volunteer canola and wild mustard.
- d) Seed harvested from infected crops shall be prohibited for use as seed and shall be sold for crushing and export.

6) Noncompliance will be referred to the Agricultural Pests Act.

**Protection:**

- 1. All landowners and/or occupants within ½ mile of a confirmed infestation will be notified of the infestation, and be advised not to seed canola adjacent to the infested land for three years.
- 2. All landowners and/or occupants of blackleg free land, are encouraged to use certified seed tested free of blackleg, or use blackleg tolerant varieties of Canola.

**Related Documents & Legislation:**

**Definitions:**

**Duties & Responsibilities:**

**Procedures Associated With This Policy:**

**Forms Associated With This Policy:**

**Amendment History:**

**Scheduled Review Date: October 2019**

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