

<b>POLICY NO:</b>	AG 013
<b>POLICY TITLE:</b>	FUSARIUM GRAMINEAREUM MANAGEMENT PLAN
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT
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**Background:**

Caused by the fungus *Fusarium graminearum*, fusarium head blight (FHB), is the most destructive fungal disease of barley and wheat in Canada. Further movement west by this disease is undesirable for the grain producing regions of western Saskatchewan and Alberta.

A management plan has been developed to define the prevention and control strategy that will apply under the authority of the Alberta *Agricultural Pests Act* to reduce the risk of *Fusarium graminearum* becoming established in Alberta. It provides the minimum acceptable standards/requirements for the management of this pest. Municipalities can enhance these standards within their own jurisdictions.

**Policy Objectives:**

1. Prevent the increase and spread of *Fusarium graminearum* found in Alberta.

**Procedure:**

1. The County of Vermilion River will enforce control measures to prevent the spread of *Fusarium graminearum* as necessary to meet the objectives of the Alberta *Fusarium graminearum* Management Plan.
2. Implement an awareness campaign to inform producer's of the threat of *Fusarium graminearum* to the agriculture industry.
3. Maintain consultation and coordination with seed cleaning plants within the County, to ensure that their customers are aware of the threat *Fusarium graminearum* possesses.
4. Encourage on-farm best management practices which reduce the spread and economic losses from fusarium