

Policy Name

Fusarium graminearum

Policy Number

AG-24

Policy Statement

Fusarium graminearum is a fungus that causes Fusarium Head Blight in cereals.

Brazeau County supports the prevention of establishment of *Fusarium graminearum* within the municipality through the recommendations made in the Alberta *Fusarium graminearum* Management Plan.

Policy

Fusarium head blight (FHB), caused by the fungus *Fusarium graminearum*, is a destructive fungal disease of cereal grains which causes major economic losses through decreased yields, reduced seed quality and mycotoxin production.

A. Awareness:

In order to raise awareness of the problem:

- 1) Provide producers with available information through handouts, newsletter articles, and on Brazeau County’s website and social media
- 2) Inform Brazeau County seed dealers of our County policy and recommend that infected seed be avoided and to implement best practices based on the Alberta *Fusarium graminearum* Management Plan.
- 3) Assist and encourage area seed cleaning plants to set and follow policies to accept only seed that is certified *Fusarium graminearum* free for cleaning.
- 4) A.S.B. members shall keep informed of policy and programs and act as ambassadors to educate County residents about *Fusarium graminearum*.

Chief Administration Officer: _____
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B. Preventative Measures:

Recommendations of preventative measures will be based on the most current version of the *Alberta Fusarium graminearum* Management Plan.

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