

Seed Viability Policy

Subject: Fusarium Graminearum

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The County of Northern Lights believes in promoting programs that will prevent the establishment of diseases, pests and problem weeds. The County believes by promoting producers to clean and test seed we lower the incidence and help prevent the establishment of new weeds, pests and diseases by cleaning and testing seed.

In conjunction with the Manning Cooperative Seed Cleaning Plant and a reputable testing facility the County of Northern Lights will enter into a 50/50 cost shared program with producers to test seed for diseases, weed analysis, germination and vigour to ensure healthy, viable crops for a sustainable and competitive agricultural industry.



Chief Elected Official



Chief Administrative Officer

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To encourage the testing of all seed for disease, germination and vigor for a sustainable and competitive agricultural industry.
- 1.2 To work in conjunction with the Manning Cooperative Seed Cleaning Plant and a reputable testing facility to offer seed testing.
- 1.3 To protect agricultural land from the infestation of diseases, pests and problem weeds.

2.0 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 Will provide direction, supervision and resources to the Agricultural Fieldman for carrying out this policy.

3.0 AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 Will work in conjunction with Manning Cooperative Seed Cleaning Plant and a reputable testing facility to administer testing.
- 3.2 Will supervise and suggest resources needed for the program annually to Council.

4.0 PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 Any individual producer can participate in the program, if, the farm resides in the County.
- 4.2 Any individual suspected of abusing the program can be denied the subsidy.