

NORTH DAKOTA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Meetings @ Seven Seas in Mandan

June 18, 2013 @ 9am

September 17, 2013 @ 9am

January 6, 2014 @ 6pm

LEAFY SPURGE BIO-CONTROL FIELD DAYS

If you are planning a field day this summer and need assistance contact Rachel or Lane at the ND Department of Ag. at (800)242-7535.

Tag grant money from the ND Department of Ag. can be used towards expenses for field days.

You may also contact David Hirsch from USDA APHIS PPQ at (701)527-7820 (cell) for help with your field days.

CONVENTION PLANNING MEETING

The convention planning meeting will hold a meeting immediately following the board meeting on June 18th, at the Seven Seas to begin to plan for the 2014 convention. If you have any ideas, contact Merlin Leithold, Ex. Secretary at ndwca@westriv.com. Your ideas will be passed on to the committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello from NDWCA!

Spring has finally sprung. Warmer weather and PLENTY of rain. As of late May my area has received between 5^{1/2} and 6^{1/4} inches of rain. I can just about hear the weeds growing. The trouble is now it's too muddy to get in many places to spray.

Milestone sales are going through the roof. It's good that people know what a wonderful product it is. This time of year I like to contact my out-of-state landowners as a reminder to start planning their weed control early. A good suggestion is to line up a local person as a contact for the weed board or mowing crew. It saves you time and frustration. Check with ND Game & Fish, Corp of Engineers, BLM, Ducks Unlimited, US Fish and Wildlife to see if they have a plan in place. Let's continue to use the remaining money available from NDDA. Contact Rachel Siefert Spilde for more information.

My thanks to second Vice President and Education Committee Chairman Derrill Fick for completing another year of Spring Sprayer Schools. Lots of information and training from great speakers made this year's schools successful. Special thanks to all the speakers for their time and sharing of knowledge.

Do you all carry a spill kit on your spray trucks? Parts can fail, accidents can happen, mistakes can be made. Be prepared. For more information contact your area AG Program Inspector. I hope all have a great summer spray season and please be safe.

Gary L. Hartman

2013 NDWCA President

**VOUCHERS FOR ND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
REIMBURSEMENT ARE DUE JULY 5th**

Has your weed board incurred any expenses during the July 1, 2012 -June 30, 2013 time period (through NDDA programs or contracts) that are eligible for reimbursement? Or, is your weed board unable to expend the funds that have been allocated to them by the department through the Targeted Assistance Grant Program (TAG) or Landowner Assistance Program (LAP)?

If so, PLEASE contact Rachel ASAP regarding your unspent funds and submit your vouchers for reimbursement by July 5th. The TAG and LAP vouchers can be found on our website at:

<http://www.nd.gov/ndda/program/noxious-weeds> under forms. Please contact Rachel Seifert-Spilde by phone at (701)328-2983 or (800)242-7535 or by e-mail at rseifert@nd.gov with questions.

NORTH DAKOTA NOXIOUS WEED WORKSHOP

A yellow toadflax workshop will be held August 15, 2013 at the Langdon, ND Research Extension Center discussing topics such as yellow toadflax chemical and biological control methods and identification. Dr. Rod Lym, Associate Department Head, Department of Plant Sciences at NDSU, will be giving an update along with Katie Conklin, a Range and Pasture Specialist from DuPont. The workshop will begin at 9:00 AM CST and end with lunch being served at 12:00 PM. For any questions or for more information, please contact Leon Pederson, Cavalier County Weed Officer, at (701)370-8927.

TOADFLAX WEEVILS AVAILABLE

Ten releases of 104 *Mecinus janthinus*, a toadflax biological control agent, are available for (701)328-2250 or (800)242-7535 or by e-mail at ldkozel@nd.gov to acquire them.

LAWSUIT APPEAL UPDATE

The Empower the Taxpayer lawsuit was appealed to the ND Supreme Court in Bismarck on May 9th. At the time of this publication, no ruling has been handed down. Good arguments were stated from both sides. By the time the September newsletter goes to print, we should have had a ruling.

NDWCA HISTORY NEEDED!!!!

Our 2014 convention will mark the 30th convention held by the NDWCA. The Annual Meeting and Education Committees would like to have compiled as much information about the past history of the association, so it can be presented during the convention.

So, if you have any history of the association from the time of its inception until now, it would be greatly appreciated if you could share it with us. This can be old minutes or convention booklets, or something that happened at a convention, that you remember.

If so contact Derrill Fick, either by e-mail at wcweeds@srt.com, or by conventional mail: PO Box 5005, Minot, ND 58701, or by phone : (701)852-1970.

You can also contact Merlin at ndwca@westriv.com, or mail it to the NDWCA, 6135 Hwy 49, Elgin, ND 58533

**NAISMA REPORT
(formally NAWMA)**

The fall conference is October 28-31 in Jackson, WY. Information on this conference can be found on the web site www.naisma.org. It would be great to see a great number of people from ND attend this conference. In 2014, the conference will be held in Fargo, ND. There will be tours and plot sites to attend. If you are not a member, now is the time to consider joining. See and hear what other states are doing in weed control. Log onto their website for more details.

Derrill Fick
NAISMA Board member

GOEHRING ANNOUNCES SITES, DATES FOR 2013 PROJECT SAFE SEND

BISMARCK - Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring encourages farmers, ranchers, pesticide dealers and applicators, government agencies and homeowners to bring their unusable pesticides to any of the 12 Project Safe Send collections in July.

“This is a simple and non-regulatory program to help people safely and legally get rid of unusable pesticides free of charge,” Goehring said. “Over the past 20 years, thousands of people have brought more than three million pounds of these chemicals to Project Safe Send collection sites.”

Project Safe Send accepts old, unusable or banned pesticides, including herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides and fungicides. The pesticides are shipped out of state for incineration. The program is funded through product registration fees paid by pesticide manufacturers.

“Check your storage areas for any unusable pesticides and safely set them aside for Project Safe Send.” Goehring said. “If you find that the containers are deteriorating or leaking, pack them in larger containers with absorbent materials. Free, heavy-duty plastic bags are available from the North Dakota Department of Agriculture.”

People with more than 1,000 pounds of pesticides should pre-register. No other pre-registration is required. A maximum of 20,000 pounds of pesticides per participant will be accepted. Pesticide rinse water also will be accepted. The first 100 pounds of rinse water will be taken free of charge; a fee will be applied for each additional pound.

To pre-register, obtain plastic bags, or for more information, contact Jeremiah Lien at the North Dakota Department of Agriculture at (800) 242-7535 or by e-mail at jjlien@nd.gov.

The collections will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. local time at the North Dakota Department of Transportation facilities in the following cities:

July 9	Underwood	July 17	Jamestown
July 10	Kenmare	July 18	Cooperstown
July 11	Minot	July 19	Wahpeton
July 12	Watford City	July 23	Adams
July 15	Bowman	July 24	Grand Forks
July 16	Ashley	July 25	Casselton

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The sprayer schools went very well this year. 98 participated, both county, city, and agency. A lot of new summer employees, but also many weed veterans. In Carrington, being able to have access to the arboretum that Greg Endres has put together was very helpful. Thanks go out to the ND Dept. of Ag. Pesticide division for their enforcement updates, to the ND Dept. of Ag. Noxious Weed division for their outreach/ liaison abilities and updates, to Vince Thomas for updates to new data loggers, to NDSU Plant Research, NDSU Pesticide Regulation division for R-O-W training, Bill Walker of CPS, ND Parks and Rec, Greg Endres, for use of the Carrington Research Extension Center, Ward County Hwy Department, Wayne Carter from Morton County and the Morton County Hwy Building, and we would especially like to thank DuPont Chemical and Katie Conklin for their updates and for supplying the meal at each location. There are many more folks that help make this possible each year, and we thank them as well.

Derrill Fick NDWCA Education Committee Chairman

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S CORNER

If you read the last newsletter, you may have seen that there has been a change in your association. I guess you could say I am that change. This column may not appear each newsletter, depending on more newsworthy items.

I'm sure a lot of you are waiting for better weather for spraying to get in full swing, I am no different. I am still the weed officer in Grant County, a job where I spray all the roads in the county, besides the every day duties of being a weed officer.

There will be some changes to the convention in 2014. Perhaps the biggest change will be the schedule. On Tuesday, the Department will have the commissioner's forum again. But, in the afternoon, around 2:30, the association will conduct the business meeting. This is a change from the last several years. But, since it is our 30th, we are planning some sort of special events later on Wednesday afternoon. It was felt that to have enough time for speakers on Wednesday, we talked the Ag Dept. into shortening up their day by a couple of hours. So watch further newsletters for more information. Also, don't forget to check out our website as well.

Feel free to contact me at any time. Have a safe summer.

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