



NORTH DAKOTA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Meetings

Annual Meeting January 5—7, 2016 (Mandan)

ND Department of Agriculture Report

Commissioner Weed Forum: Jan 5, 2016 - Free to the public – free noon meal . It is important that someone from each and every weed board in the state attend this day.

Annual Weed Survey: Due Feb 1st. Please do not copy and paste from last year's report. Double check names and addresses on report, to make sure they are correct, as this is the directory, not only for the department, but for the association as well. Please contact Chelsey Penuel at (701) 328-2983 or cpenuel@nd.gov with any questions.

Presidents message.....

Greetings to everyone involved in the control of noxious and invasive weeds;

This is my final Presidential message for the association newsletter. It has been a pleasure to be part of the executive committee over the years and I leave the association in good hands to continue the work needed to keep the county and city weed boards involved in activities across the state.

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It is hard to believe that our 2016 annual meeting is just around the corner. The agenda has been made and everything is set to go so please plan on attending. The commitment to attend the conference for weed officers or board members is not always easy, but it is important for you to be present. If your county has a part time weed officer or shares duties with another department it is just as important for that person to be there as it is for a full time weed officer. The convention is always full of information to help make our work easier and more productive. This is also one of the major reasons why the association puts together a spray school or other training along with the annual meeting so everybody will have access to all of the studies or techniques that are released in the off season or that are learned during the regular spray season. Please plan on attending the activities put together by the association for your continued education. Along with the actual educational learning's at these meetings the participants also are able to interact with friends that may not have seen for a while or to make new ones.

The fall Area meetings were held in late October. The area meetings were not very well attended. The state association needs input and discussion from every weed board and agency personnel in order to stay strong and also for the association to provide educational and communication opportunities so the person controlling the weeds in an area has the same knowledge as the person in the adjoining area. Please let the association board members know if there was a problem in attending these meetings so the board can improve the attendance.

We are still looking for early career award nominees and senior career award nominees. I am sure there are many qualifying award nominees across the state so please send in your nominations to our executive secretary.

Please check out our website at www.ndweeds.homestead.com. You will find the members of the state board, the members of each weed board including weed officers and the contact information for each person.

I would like to thank all the people who helped me and guided me through this 2015 year as your Association President, good luck and be safe in your weed control efforts,

Derrill Fick

2015 NDWCA President

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DATALOGGERS & COMPUTERS TO
THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR UPDATES BY VINCE & JIM!!!**

NAISMA Report by Derrill Fick

Web site WWW.NAISMA.ORG

Many biological agents were discussed. Over the years there have been many weeds that have had bio agents used for their control. There is still continued research from overseas companies that are looking for new bio agents so we have more options for weed control.

A program called Play, Clean, Go was discussed which is a program designed to help prevent the spread of Invasive species. No matter what you are doing: working, hunting, or recreational activities the idea is to be aware of any weeds that might be stuck to you, your animals or to your vehicles so you do not spread them to other areas.

While listening to some NAISMA members from Canada at this meeting in Vancouver it became very apparent that us as chemical applicators have to be very diligent in the way we apply our chemicals. The Canadian government has restricted or taken away the use of many chemicals that are used by weed control people. We must be thankful for what we can do and what we use as long as we follow the label and do exactly as prescribed or we will be down to injecting chemicals into plants with a syringe as they do in Vancouver!!

There will be more detailed updates at the annual meeting on these and other topics that were discussed at this meeting. I just wanted to make everyone aware that the worst case scenario, short of not doing anything in weed control, is already happening in some areas.

Chemical Industry Report by Bill Walker, Industry Director

Perspective: Still not labeled for haying and grazing. EPA is now asking federal agencies if they need the product, and what quantities they would use. Reminder, Perspective is currently labeled, it just has a 1 year haying and grazing restriction.

Bayer does have a product called Method 240SL. It is liquid Perspective, without escort and telar mixed with it. Does an excellent job on Leafy spurge and Canada thistle. Bayer will probably package it in 2x2.5. Rate: 12oz/acre, approximately \$325/gallon. Expect a slight increase in 2016 on this product. But remember again, 1 year haying and grazing restriction as well.

Graslan L from Dow is an excellent chemical. The 2-4D in it is a little more active than regular 2-4D. This premix may be the future.

Milestone still has a government agency attachment. Prices will remain stable, but retail prices will increase by 1% or \$3/gallon.

BASF: One salesperson in the entire US. He is an office person. Prices for Plateau and Overdrive should remain stable in 2016.

Other chemicals used by weed boards should remain fairly stable.

Butterflies and Bees: Be very careful out there next season. Milkweed and pollinator plants. Hot topics. Watch what and how you spray.

Executive Secretary Corner

Another year is coming to a close, which means another annual meeting to look forward to. We have a huge line of speakers so come prepared to take notes, a lot to learn again at this conference. As was mentioned at the area meetings, we are soliciting local businesses to help sponsor our breaks. As of the writing, they have been coming in very slow, so please get out and get their support. A letter to give them can be found on our website. See you at the meeting January 5, 6 & 7, 2016. Board of directors meet evening of the 4th, @ 6. You are invited to come and listen or share. "Merry Christmas" Merlin

NDWCA 2015 Annual Meeting Registration Form

Baymont Inn & Suites, Mandan, ND

January 5, 6, 7, 2016

PLEASE COPY THIS FORM AND COMPLETE FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING!

This form does not register your hotel room. For room reservations call Best Western Seven Seas Inn @1-800-597-7327 Group: NDWCA Room Rates: \$80.10 Single; Double \$89.00 A block of rooms has been reserved.

NAME: _____ ATTENDING SPOUSE/PARTNER

ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____
_____ ZIPCODE _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____ I AM VOTING
DELEGATE _____

NAME OF COUNTY OR ORGANIZATION I AM REPRESENTING

REGISTRATION BEFORE
DECEMBER 20 \$125.00 _____

REGISTRATION AFTER
DECEMBER 20 \$145.00 _____

Registration includes coffee breaks, Wednesday noon lunch & banquet, Thursday breakfast
Number going on the Heritage Center Tour _____ (No extra charge) (Transportation provided)

FOR EXTRA (SPOUSE) MEALS

Spouses Luncheon Wednesday 11:30 am \$14.00 _____

Wednesday Noon Lunch 12:00pm \$16.00 _____

Wednesday Banquet 6:30pm \$35.00 _____

Thursday Breakfast 6:30 am to 7:45am \$13.00 _____

Total Registration Fee \$ _____

THIS FORM MAY BE USED TO BECOME A NDWCA MEMBER EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE CONVENTION

2016 FULL MEMBERSHIP **\$275** (VOTING MEMBER) New _____ Renewal _____

2016 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP **\$175** (NON-VOTING MEMBER) New _____ Renewal _____

Grand Total Enclosed \$ _____

No refunds will be allowed for cancellations after December 31, 2015

Tentative Schedule for 2016 NDWCA Annual Meeting

and NDDA Commissioners Weed Forum

Monday, January 4th

6 pm -Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 5th.

8am- Registration Begins in Lobby

9:30am—3pm

NDDA Commissioners Weed Forum

3:30 pm -NDWCA Annual Business Meeting

5:30pm -Beer, Brat, Wine & Cheese Social and Auction &
Photo Booth

Wednesday, January 6th

8am -Welcome City of Mandan

8:15am -Roadside Reclamation—Bill Walker, CPS

9:00am -Mapping with Data logger - Vince Thomas, Reds
Fixit Shop

9:30 - Pollinators - Carrie Larson, NDDA

10:00am - Exhibitors Break

10:20am- Winterizing Sprayers - Tim Johannason, Warne
Chemical

11:00am- Mapping & Data Collections - Jason Hodges - Ag
Terra Tech

11:30 - open

12:00 - Noon Luncheon & Women's Luncheon

1:00 - Vendor Presentations

2:00 pm - Leave for Heritage Center

5:30 – Cash Bar/Social

6:30– Banquet/ Awards (Entertainment– Greg Hager)

Thursday, January 7th

6:30-7:45 Exhibitors Breakfast

8am– Drone Updates -John Nowatski, NDSU

9:00– Dr. Kevin Sedivic, NDSU

9:30 - Open

10 – 10:30 Exhibitors Break

10:30am– Dr. Rod Lym - NDSU

11:00am– open

11:30 am - Closing Comments

Door Prizes (Must be present to win)

12:00 noon– Adjourn Annual Meeting

12:00 noon - Board of Directors Meeting

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