



NORTH DAKOTA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Meetings

Area Meetings. See schedule bottom right corner for your area's day and time

Annual Meeting and Commissioner Forum
January 9-12, 2017 Ramada Inn, Bismarck

****NEWSLETTER****

In order to cut costs with rising printing costs and higher postage prices, we asked for your email addresses to send you the newsletter via email. For those who have not yet signed up, we are asking you to send an email to ndwca@westriv.com and you will be put on the list. As many of you heard at the annual business meeting, the paper version of the newsletter will cease to exist after November edition, 2016. Please begin to make arrangements to continue to receive the newsletter.

Also, as weed boards get new members, please let us know, so we can update our list. We find where former members continue to receive the newsletter, and new members do not. Unless we are notified, we have no idea the comings and goings of board members.

Presidents Message

The 2016 Noxious Weed Control Season is officially over for some and wrapping up for others. I hope everyone has had a successful year. But, with Mother Nature deciding to play tricks again this year across our entire state, it proved to be a challenging year. To show her sense of humor the northeast was blessed with an abundance of rain while the southwest was slowly turned into the Mojave desert. But despite of all the challenges, Weed Officers persevered and Mother Nature let down her guard long enough for everyone to apply their best Noxious Weed Control methods. Thank You for your great efforts this year and I hope next year Mother Nature gives us better conditions to control Noxious Weeds.

Please do not forget to start planning for your NDWCA Area Meetings in October. I would like to see our record breaking attendance continue into the area meetings. All area meeting dates and times are posted on the NDWCA website. The agendas for the area meetings will be out soon and if you have not received any information about your area meeting contact your NDWCA Area Director or myself and we will get that information to you. Also we will be taking purchase orders for NDWCA jackets, vests, and caps at the area meetings. If anyone has any questions or comments for me please do not hesitate to contact me!

Thank you for all your hard work in controlling noxious weeds and ensuring North Dakota's prairies are beautiful for our friends, family and the generations yet to come!

2016 NDWCA President Leon Pederson

(701)370-8927 or email.... lepederson@nd.gov

Area Meetings Scheduled - Mark Your Calendars
All times are 9:00 am - 12:00 pm local time.

Area III - October 24th - Minot
Area I - October 25th - Devils Lake
Area II - October 26th - Valley City
Area IV - October 27th - Mandan
Area V - October 28th - Amidon

Legislative Issues:

Are you receiving enough funds from the ND Dept. of Ag, for your LAP or TAG. Are you spending all what you are allocated. We want to know. If you have spent your allocation for the biennium, and could have received more, how much more? Come to the area meetings and tell us, or if you can e mail the association. Also, if you have any ideas for law changes, come to the area meetings, and bring them up. NOW is the time for that..

Merlin Leithold
Association Lobbyist

Selling Jackets, Vests, and Caps

Your association is in the clothing business! If you want to order a jacket or vest, with the association logo on either the front or back, COME to the area meeting, see Merlin, your association "sales clerk", try one on for size, and we will order you one to be picked up at the annual meeting. We have also ordered new caps to sell at the annual meeting.

Education Update

With the summer coming to an end means that the time for meetings and trainings has begun. There are small projects in the works for the Education Committee but the earliest and more important meetings coming up are the Area Meetings. Please plan on attending your area meeting so you are able to get caught up on the latest activities in your area. This is the time to voice your opinion before the main meeting in January. The meetings are Oct. 24 for Area III, Oct. 25 for Area I, Oct. 26 for Area II, Oct. 27 for Area IV, and Oct. 28 for Area V. You might see these dates listed more than once, that is because it is a very important meeting for this association and your input and discussion is very important to continuing the strength of this Association.

Derrill Fick
Education Committee Chairman

Bill Walker, CPS, your Industry Rep, says, "You all better come to the area meetings, to get the latest changes from industry, and the latest in price changes."

North Dakota Department of Agriculture Report

Biological Control Update

Spotted knapweed biocontrol: Monitored *Larinus obtusus* and collected 1200 individuals. These were distributed to Bowman, McKenzie, Stutsman, and Ward counties. Monitored *Cyphocleonus achetes* and found about 35 individuals. These are establishing but are not collectable at this time. **Leafy spurge biocontrol:** Billings, Stark, Grant, and Stutsman counties hosted collection days. Numbers looked good at all sites. **Yellow toadflax biocontrol:** Received additional bio agents from MT in May. These were placed in Ward and Barnes counties Previous sites in Ward were monitored using the Standardized Impact Monitoring Protocol (SIMP)

Weed Seed Free Forage Program : There was fewer inspectors this year. There was also an increased demand due to a pipeline company recruiting landowners to get WSFF certification. Call Lane if you have questions on the 2017 season, at **701-328-2250**

Funding:

TAG has about 53% of the funding remaining. **LAP** has about 27% of the funding remaining.

United States Forest Service funds : 2012 grant expires end of September 2016 and all funds spent, 2013 grant has all remaining funds obligated , 2014 grant for Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) has about \$3,500 available, 2015 grant for Continuing EDRR has about \$28,000 available, Newest grant in 2016 is for supplementing the current noxious weeds program; there is \$35,000 available, If you have questions or ideas for special projects, please contact Chelsey.

Chelsey's contact information: Mailing Address: NDSU Dept. 7610, PO Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050

Physical Address: 811 Second Avenue North, #410, Fargo, ND 58102 (Phone) **Cell only: (701) 226-4321**

WEED OF THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Heracleum mantegazzianum

Giant hogweed

An invasive herb in the carrot family which was originally brought to North America from Asia and has since become established in the New England, Mid-Atlantic, and Northwest regions of the United States. Giant hogweed grows along streams and rivers and in fields, forests, yards and roadsides, and a giant hogweed plant can reach 14 feet or more in height with compound leaves up to 5 feet in width. Giant hogweed sap contains toxic chemicals known as furanocoumarins. When these chemicals come into contact with the skin and are exposed to sunlight, they cause a condition called phytophotodermatitis, a reddening of the skin often followed by severe blistering and burns. These injuries can last for several months, and even after they have subsided the affected areas of skin can remain sensitive to light for years. Furanocoumarins are also carcinogenic and teratogenic, meaning they can cause cancer and birth defects.

The sap can also cause temporary (or even permanent) blindness if introduced into the eyes.

If someone comes into physical contact with giant hogweed, the following steps should be taken:

Wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and COLD water as soon as possible. Keep the exposed area away from sunlight for 48 hours. If hogweed sap gets into the eyes, rinse them with water and wear sunglasses. See a doctor if any sign of reaction sets in. If a reaction occurs, the early application of topical steroids may lessen the severity of the reaction and ease the discomfort. The affected area of skin may remain sensitive to sunlight for a few years, so applying sun block and keeping the affected area shielded from the sun whenever possible are sensible precautions. Toxic properties are on all parts of the plant and touching it causes burns that turn into blisters? Giant hogweed is susceptible to systemic herbicides, such as glyphosate and triclopyr. Early spring with a mid to late summer respray.

For those of you receiving the newsletter in paper, please go on the association website at www.ndweeds.homestead.com to view the weed in color.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Well here it is, October already. Has it been windy by you this summer? It sure has been, here in Grant County. October means, leaves changing colors, fall spraying, and frost around the corner. October also means fall area meetings. As your secretary, I look forward to coming to the 5 areas, and getting to visit with many of you. At the annual meeting, I miss that, besides nice hello's. I get too busy then.

Don't forget, at the area meetings, counties and cities do their year end reports. It is sure helpful, for me, if you can have it on paper, for me, easier to get into the minutes.

A few counties have not paid their 2016 dues, please do so today. We need your participation, to keep the association running.

Have a good, safe fall. See you all the last week of October!!!

Did You know?

Noxious weeds undermine the productivity of 64 crops grown nationwide by a measure of \$7.4 billion.

If left untreated, noxious weeds will spread at an alarming rate of 4,600 acres per day nationwide

Leafy Spurge is not found in Australia.

Milkweed may live as little as 2 to 3 years or as long as 25 years.

Every year in the USA a person uses the equivalent of one tree 100 feet tall and 16 inches wide to fulfill paper usage needs.

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