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Upcoming Meetings

BOD Meeting June 23rd, 9:00 am (Mandan)
 Area meetings Oct. 26 - Minot, Oct 27 - Devils Lake, Oct 28 - Valley City, Oct 29 - Mandan, Oct 30 - Amidon (9:00 am local start time)

Annual Meeting January 5—7, 2016 (Mandan)

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. We realize that some of you want to continue with the paper letter, and you will continue to receive it if you so desire.

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

Greetings,

With spring here and the ever occurring spraying season starting, I would like to remind everybody to be safe and to act smart in your weed control efforts as you implement your weed control programs.

The sprayer schools have been held and were well attended. ATV training was not included this year. There are plans for more intensive hands on training for the summer months. Watch for further updates for timing of those trainings.

Noxious weed control is a big job that seems to be never ending. With the variety of noxious weeds currently out there and the ones that have the potential to become noxious within our state it is no wonder why we as weed managers sometimes get discouraged when we can only control a certain number of acres during the year. Hang in there because we are all trying to accomplish the same goal, to stop the spread of noxious weeds in our state! It is strongly encouraged to work together with other agencies and land managers within your area for the control of and identification of noxious weeds.

Now is the time to be more diligent in your weed identification and observations of noxious weed locations. As we are doing our weed control another duty would be to check summer flower shops and other locations that sell plants to see if they are selling any noxious weeds. If you do find any shops selling noxious weeds notify them that they are to stop selling the plants and also notify Rachel at the ND Department of Agriculture so they have a notice about that company. Also come up with and follow thru with a weed management plan so you may have a better idea on how to handle your weed problems in future years.

If anybody is lucky enough to collect flea beetles this year and would like to have a field day, use the list serve to notify when and where the field day will be. If you would like help in setting up your field day notify Dave Hirsch at the USDA-APHIS or Layne at the ND Department of Agriculture.

If anybody has any concerns that they would like for the NDWCA board to address please let me know or you may contact any board member.

Have a safe summer,

Derrill Fick

2015 NDWCA President

PROJECT SAFE SEND

Farmers, ranchers, pesticide dealers and applicators, government agencies and homeowners with unusable pesticides can bring them to any of the Project Safe Send Sites listed below.

Project Safe Send is a safe, simple and non-regulatory program that helps people safely and legally get rid of unusable pesticides free of charge. Since 1992, thousands of people have brought in over 3 million pounds of pesticides to Project Safe Send. The program accepts old, unusable or banned pesticides, including herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides and fungicides. For a list of accepted items, click on "Accepted Pesticides" in the left column. The collected pesticides are shipped out of state for incineration. Project Safe Send is funded through product registration fees paid by pesticide manufacturers.

People are urged to check their storage areas for any unusable pesticides and safely set them aside for Project Safe Send. If 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.

For more information on transporting your pesticides safely please view the additional information below.

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.

2015 PROJECT SAFE SEND SITES

All collection sites are located at NDDOT facilities and are open from 9:00 am thru 3:00 pm (local time)

July 14 - Ellendale - 8885 97th St SE (DOT Storage Facility)

July 15 - Napoleon - 59 Broadway

July 16 - Center - 3738 Hwy 25

July 17 - Flasher - 6591 County Rd 84

July 20 - New England - 11704 61st St SW

July 21 - Parshall - 7198 38th St NW

July 22 - Kenmare - 49501 422nd Ave NW

July 28 - Cando - 7411 68th Ave NE

July 29 - Larimore - 1524 Towner Ave

July 30 - Mayville - 511 Hwy 18 NE

July 31 - Wyndmere - 7775 Hwy 18

To pre register, obtain plastic bags or just for more information contact:

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ND Department of AG

600 E Blvd Ave, Dept. 602

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Phone - 701-328-1504 or 1-800-242-7535

Email - jjlien@nd.gov

Boom and Boom-less Sprayer Calibration Chart

- Fill the sprayer with CLEAN water. **(Never add herbicides while calibrating)**
- Run your sprayer at your selected operating pressure (with your booms or handgun turned on) Most should be run at 25 to 40 psi
- Make sure all nozzles are spraying uniformly and measure the swath width in feet and write that down. This = _____ feet width of sprayed area.
- Collect the spray volume from each nozzle and measure the exact amount collected in 1 minute, record the amount in gallons and write that down. (If you wrote down in ounces then divide by 128 to get gallons) This will = _____ gallons caught in one minute.
- Determine the sprayer speed in miles per hour over a 200 foot distance. Maintain the desired speed and measure in **seconds** the time it takes the sprayer to travel the 200 foot distance. (Do this several times to get an average speed and to get used to that speed) and write this down in **seconds**. This will = _____ seconds to travel.
- You determine your miles per hour by taking: $200 \text{ feet} \times 0.682 = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ then divide by the seconds to travel the 200 feet into that number (0.682 is a constant used in the equations for speed in 200 feet) This will equal _____ miles per hour traveling
- You determine your gallons per acre applying by doing the following:

GPM (Gallons per minute) x 495 (constant used)

MPH (miles per hour) x SW (swath width) GPA = Gallons per Minute caught x 495 = _____ divide this number by MPH

(miles per hour x SW (swath width) This = _____ Gallons per acre applying.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Merlin Leithold, lobbyist

Well, another session has come and gone. We as an association are already gearing up for the 2017 session. It is just around the corner! Here is an update from the 2015 session. First, the Ag Department budget came through the session, as far as weed control, unscathed. That means that overall funding for the next biennium should be close to the same as the last two years.

One bill that received a lot of time, SB 2144. This was the consolidation of mill levy bill. It does bring the mill levies for weed control together, into one section. Before, counties could receive two mills from one section and two mills from another section. For the counties that receive more than four mills, they can still receive them from the general fund. This bill had a few changes to the actual wording of weed control, but though my testimony the changes were corrected.

HB 1055, a 133 page bill, would have changed the tax levies from mills to percent's. For the common person, if you cannot understand mills, you sure cannot understand percent's. Even though this bill passed the House with considerable ease, the Senate killed it.

HB 1456 originally wanted all excess lands around Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe, eventually be transferred back to the state or original landowners or their heirs. This particular problem has been around in various bills for a number of sessions. The bill was amended to exclude Sakakawea, and tribal lands in Sioux County. The bill's final version encourages Congress to give back these lands to the state. We will wait and see.

There were numerous bills, but these were the major ones. As far as the NDWCA is concerned, it was a good session. I would like to thank all of you that e mailed me with concerns, etc. They are always helpful. Also, I would like to thank the NDWCA board of directors for entrusting me with such an important duty, being your lobbyist.

Finally, thank you Derrill Fick, for being a phone call away at many different times.

Education Committee Report

The education committee would like to thank all attendees at the sprayer schools. They would also like to thank Andrew Thostenson, NDSU, for doing the ROW training, NDDA—Chelsey, Lane and the area pesticide inspectors, for their updates and handouts, Bill Walker, CPS, for hands on calibration training, Vince Thomas, Reds Fixit, for data logger training, and Mike Schalla, DOW, for the updates and new handouts, and especially to Mike and DOW for sponsoring the lunch at the three workshops. Thank you to the host counties, Stark and Ward, and to the NDWCA for sponsoring as well. Finally, the committee would like to thank Dan Dew, the education chairman, for his efforts in organizing the three days. If you missed these three training days, you will have to wait again until next year. If you want to learn more about what the education committee does, or would like to join the committee, contact either Dan or Derrill Fick, the NDWCA 2015 chairman, and they will be more than happy to help you out.

If you have any articles for the September newsletter or have ideas how to make it better, let me know!

Remember to pay your dues, as it helps to pay for publishing this newsletter!

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Just a quick update from our March board meeting. Commissioner Goehring, and your board met with a representative from the state FSA office, concerning the new farm bill. A lot was accomplished, and much more needs to be done. We hope to have a meeting with someone from the state office again in June. At March we were told that they had no definite policy in place concerning noxious weeds. We will see in June.

Driving around, starting to spray, the Leafy Spurge is easy to spot. Soon the grass will take the "pretty view", and make it much harder to spot. Have a good spraying summer.

Did You know?

Some guidelines to prevent the spread of noxious weeds are:

Avoid driving through noxious weed-infested areas.

Avoid transporting or planting seeds and plants that one can't identify.

For noxious weeds in flower or with seeds on plants, pulling 'gently' out and placing in a secure closable bag is recommended. Disposal such as hot composting or contained burning is done when safe and practical for the specific plant.

Burning poison ivy can be fatal to humans. Using only certified weed-free seeds for crops or gardens. Maintaining control of noxious weeds is important for the health of habitats, livestock, wildlife, native plants, and humans.

Idaho has 67 species of weeds on their state noxious weed list!

Dandelions growing in a regularly mowed lawn can evolve to avoid the mower, produce seeds and spread.

Chickweed is a common weed in lawns, and it is also a very common plant used in butterfly plantings.

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