



NORTH DAKOTA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Meetings

March BOD Meeting - March 29th, Ramada Inn, Bismarck - 9:00 am.

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

A new year has started and I am proud to serve as the NDWCA President. I know that everyone has a lot to do this time of the year in order to prepare for the 2016 spray season but I would like to encourage all the Weed Officers and Board Members to contact your neighboring counties and just say "Hi". Get to know them and the problems they face. See if they have the same noxious weed problems as you or they have something new. Maybe your neighboring county has an "old pro" or a "rookie" as the weed officer, either way share ideas and help each other out to solve your problems. You will be amazed at what can happen.

As an association we had the best turnout ever for our 2015 annual convention! It was amazing! I would like to personally thank everyone who showed up to be a part of the annual convention and all of the hard work from our annual meeting committee. Their hard work made our convention a complete success. A lot of new information was shared during the convention by both the NDDA and the NDWCA. If you missed something or just want to go over something from the annual meeting give me a call and I will get you the desired information.

Don't forget that spring doesn't only bring weeds but it also brings sprayer schools. Watch our website "www.ndweeds.homestead.com" for times and locations. We have tentatively set up sprayer school dates for the last full week in May. Please call myself or Derrill Fick for any information.

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

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Area Meetings Scheduled - Mark Your Calendars

- 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

Poster Contest Winner

The poster contest winner is Paige Handly from the Hatton school district. Paige is in the 6th grade and her teacher is Joel Foss. Paige will be presented with a plaque and t-shirt with the poster on it.

Derrill Fick
Education Committee Chairman

Sprayer Schools

The Sprayer Schools will again be held this spring. The locations have not been confirmed yet so please keep an eye out for the dates and locations. Notifications of the dates and locations will be by the list serve and other possible means.

Derrill Fick

North Dakota Department of Agriculture Report

LAP/TAG Deadlines

County and city weed boards receiving Landowner Assistance Program or Targeted Assistance Grant funds from the North Dakota Department of Agriculture should submit reimbursement requests by July 8, 2016. This request should be for funds expended between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

Contact Chelsey Penuel at (701) 328-2983 with any questions.

Industry Report *(Taken from the 2016 Annual Business Meeting Minutes)*

Bill Walker, NDWCA board of directors industry representative and CPS Timberland gave the state of the industry report for 2016.

Bayer is still waiting for EPA on the haying and grazing label on Perspective. Bayer has Method. It is a safe product, and it is a liquid. \$311.04/gallon. Does have the haying and grazing label, for one year.

Esplanade 200SC is a bare ground chemical that they do have, as well. It is quite expensive per gallon, but when figured out per acre, it is affordable.

Dow has retained the government program for 2016. Ag dealers' prices have gone up, but not government prices. Tordon is the same way. Picloram is going back through a re-registration process this year. Baslin has not been registered as of yet. This will replace Garlon 3A. Graslan L is now out for sale. It is a premix of Tordon/Coline (a new type of 2-4D). Has less odor than regular 2-4D. \$44/gallon price.

BASF supplies should be in good supply. They have 1 rep in the entire world, and he is in an office in Virginia.

Monsanto: Glyphosate should be fine. A lot of misinformation has been printed on this concerning Glyphosate.

Other chemicals like 2-4D and others should be in good supply, and stable pricing.

WEED OF THE MARCH NEWSLETTER



common tansy *Tanacetum vulgare* Family: Asteraceae

Other common names: garden tansy

Native to: Asia and Europe **Toxic:** humans, livestock

General Description: Common tansy is an aromatic perennial with rhizomes, reaching 1 to 5 feet tall, with fern like foliage and yellow button-like flowers.

Flower Description: Flower-heads are numerous, button-like and yellow. They are 1/4 to 1/2 inches across in flat-topped dense clusters. Flower-heads composed of all disk flowers and are absent of ray flowers.

Leaf Description: Leaves are alternate and pinnately compound (leaflets arranged on both sides of a common stalk). They are deeply divided into numerous, narrow, toothed segments. Leaves become smaller towards the top of the stalk and are strongly aromatic when crushed.

Stem Description: Plants have multiple stems that are brown to reddish-brown and dotted with glands.

Fruit/Seed Description: Seeds are small (1 to 2 mm), gland dotted and with ribs. Seeds have crown shaped pap-pus.

Reproduction: Common tansy reproduces by numerous tufted seeds dispersed by wind and water. It also reproduces vegetatively by forming new plants from root fragments.

Common tansy is generally found along roadsides, waste areas, streambanks and in pastures.

General Control Strategy: Remove seeds from personal gear, equipment, machinery, vehicles, and animals before leaving an infested area.

Mechanical Control: Mow or cut infestations before flowering and seed-set occur to eliminate seed production. Multiple treatments will be required to exhaust the plant's resources. Monitor treatment success continuously over successive years.

Cultural Control: Minimize soil disturbance and re-vegetate any disturbed areas promptly. Maintain a healthy native plant community. Monitor and identify areas where invasions of common tansy are likely to occur.

Herbicide Control: Perspective herbicide at 4.5 to 8oz/acre, with a MSO or non-ionic surfactant. See label for more details.

When to Apply Herbicide: Apply to active growing plants in the spring.

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

It was nice seeing you this past January in Mandan at our annual conference. What mild weather we had for the event. It was nice to see such a large crowd as well. Funny how many of us see each other only once a year, but we look forward to it. As many of you know, next year the conference will be held in Bismarck, at the Ramada Inn. It is located just off Hwy 83, on the south side of I-94. Years ago, it was known as the Doublewood Inn.

This is the time of year that many county weed boards start meeting again for the season, set cost share programs, etc. Soon the flowers (weeds) will begin to grow, giving us hope or despair on how our work from last year turned out. I hope that all of you had success. Till next time, be careful out there.

Did You know?

Henry Wallace, a former Vice President under Franklin D. Roosevelt, had a large interest in chicken breeding. In agriculture he is more famous for starting a company called Pioneer Hybrid Seeds. Today Pioneer is one of the largest seed companies in the world.

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

Five years after the prohibition of weed took place, the US department of Agriculture encouraged farmers to grow Hemp during WW2, in order to help the war efforts.

George Washington grew Hemp, to make shipping rope.

In Ontario, Canada, the list as weeds or noxious weeds Leafy, Cypress, Petty, and Sun Spurge that all look fairly similar on photos. They also have Spotted, Dentate and Hairy Stemmed Spurge. They are somewhat different then the other group.

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