



# NORTH DAKOTA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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### Upcoming Meetings

March BOD Meeting - March 27th, Ramada Inn, Bismarck - 10:00 am.

Annual Meeting and Commissioner Forum  
January 7-10, 2019 Ramada Inn, Bismarck

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### **Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you**

You, our members have done your job in reducing our costs for the paper edition of the newsletter. The board understands that some of our members cannot receive the newsletter by e mail, or prefer the paper edition. But we want to continue to reduce the paper copies, so keep sending in your e mails for the electronic version of 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

Greetings,

It's nice to see some warmer weather lately, it's been pretty cold around here since the convention. I don't know about you but I'm hoping to see a little more snow fall before spring, we could really use the additional moisture. I've been working on our Counties annual newsletter lately, along with chemical orders and getting all our spray equipment in working order before the spray season starts.

As your new president there isn't a lot to report at this time. The resolutions voted on at the convention have been submitted to Commissioner Goering. We hope to hear back from the Department of Agriculture by our March meeting which will be held on Tuesday, March 27, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck. One topic that will be talked about at our March meeting is our website. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see in a new website or things you wish to keep from our current website please contact myself or another board member.

In closing I would like to thank everyone who plays a part in controlling noxious and invasive plant species. We definitely don't have an easy job but it's a very rewarding one when you can see your accomplishments from year to year. I hope everyone has a great spring and a successful beginning to their spray season.

Katie Clyde

NDWCA 2018 President

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!**

Area Meetings for 2018 Scheduled

- October 22nd—Valley City
- October 23rd—Devils Lake
- October 24th—Minot
- October 25th—Mandan
- October 26th—Amidon

# Education Committee Report

*by Derrill Fick, committee chair*

I want to thank everyone who attended the 2018 annual meeting auction for their purchases. The money generated is used by the Education Committee for sprayer schools, and other activities such as the development and purchase of the banners used around the state by each area.

The Education Committee has decided on the organization of the Sprayer Schools coming up this spring. The 2018 Sprayer Schools have been set for:

May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Carrington Research Center

May 30<sup>th</sup> in Minot at the North Central Research Center

May 31<sup>st</sup> in Dickinson at the Stark County Weed Control Office

Each school will have registration starting at 8 am local time. At these schools' we will have from the ND Dept. of Agriculture Plant Industries division updates on noxious weeds, the Pesticide and Fertilizer Division will have their Agriculture Program Inspectors give updates and hands on examples of how to use the proper personal protective equipment and what is needed during a use inspection. There will also be a Right-of-Way recertification training administered by the Pesticide Training Program of NDSU. We will have a weed ID section put on by the NDSU Research Centers and sprayer equipment calibration session provided by Bill Walker of Crop Production Services. A complete agenda will be sent out on the list serve so plan on attending these schools.

There will be a presentation of a plaque and tee-shirts to the poster contest winner Anna Mata and her 5<sup>th</sup> grade class from the South Prairie Elementary School in Minot, ND. This presentation will take place towards the end of March.

We will be having a booth at the Earth Day festival coming up in Bismarck on April 19th.

## **Industry Report *Dicamba Issues* (Taken from the 2018 Annual Business Meeting Minutes)**

Bill Walker, CPS Timberland, NDWCA Industry Director

Dicamba drift and volatilization issues were a real deadly problem in 2017 and are expected to be worse in 2018 and the next few years to come. Problem stemming from NEW dicamba resistant GMO Soy Beans and crops

Engina, Xtendimax with Vapor Grip Technology and Fexapan are all new for the GMO 's and have restricted use labeling

We do not know if the Restricted use labeling will bleed over to the other current labeled dicamba's as well (Rifle, Banvil, Strut, Diablo, Clarity, Vanquish, Overdrive and many others) SO – Let's take a minute and talk about this and how it might affect you

First, I realize many of you are using "Overdrive" in your spraying operations, let's understand that Overdrive Herbicide is a "dicamba" product and the dicamba that is used in Overdrive is "NOT" a lower volatile product, they use a regular ester type dicamba such as Banvil and do not use a Clarity type (amine formulation) for the dicamba

In the areas where you are contending with Soy Beans and the huge possibility of 50% or more of those areas in 2018 being the so called dicamba resistant varieties being planted, you will not only have to deal with the coming storm with these but with many other broadleaf crops such as Potatoes, Sugar Beets, Canola, Alfalfa, Lentils, Non-GMO Soy Beans and Wheat and Tree Belts and much, much more with possible increased dicamba damage complaints.

I realize that Overdrive does bring some better control to the table when coupled with Tordon 22K and some other products but, I am not sure that I would chance the use of the product for the next couple of years until they actually refine the dicamba's being used or the GMO crops. Any dicamba found in any crop that you or your contractors spray along or by, will be brought directly to you, weather you are using a dicamba product or not. I have already seen this in 2017 and the so-called crop advisors steer blame away from anything they have done to the county or state applicators and, blaming them for anything that shows up. I see this first hand several times in 2017 and we are not even in the big storm yet, (3 different events in Iowa and the product that damaged the beans was the product actually sprayed on the Soy Beans for weed control, Sonic Herbicide)

But the crop applicator blamed the county for the spraying damages until disproved, the complaint was a direct result of the ever increasing dicamba complaints in 2017.

I would really look at switching your programs away from any dicamba type product usage for the next year or so unless absolutely necessary and switch over to other products such as Freelexx, Escort XP, Tordon 22K, Milestone, Method 240 SL, Opensight and others that have little or no volatility (physical drift can still be an issue with any pesticide application).

I would "**NOT**" apply any dicamba type product in the late spring, summer or early fall or until all crops have started to turn or have been harvested, I would not spray any dicamba type product once any crop has started to emerge in the spring and even make the decision to stop dicamba applications a week or so before crop emergence or seeing planting.

**I would keep excellent spraying records on all areas applied and what was used on those sites, especially if the product has a dicamba in it.**

### **Editors Note:**

To see Bill's full report, go to the association website and you will find it under Annual Meeting minutes, 2018.

## WEED OF THE MARCH NEWSLETTER



**Scientific name:** *Crepis tectorum*

Narrowleaf hawksbeard made 2018 weed of the year in the North Dakota Weed Control Guide. It is a winter annual, that has become a serious competitor in crops in north western North Dakota.

One plant can produce 50,000 seeds. Even though it is considered mainly as an invader in cropland, it is fast becoming an invader in rangeland as well. In the Yukon, in Canada, narrowleaf hawksbeard is a huge invader along roadsides.

It has been found to have shown some resistance to Glyphosate, at low rates. If you have it in your county, or you are not sure, work with your local NDSU Extension Agent, for proper identification and control methods best suited for your area.

**For those of you receiving the newsletter in paper, please go on the association website at [www.ndweeds.homestead.com](http://www.ndweeds.homestead.com) to view the weed in color.**

### ND Department of Ag. Report

As many of you know by now, Lane Kozel resigned with the department, to take a position with the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

That left the department with finding a replacement for Lane's position. They didn't look far! Chelsey has taken that position. Now, the department is looking for a replacement for Chelsey in noxious weeds. Chelsey will be doing both position duties until someone is hired. Good luck to Lane in his new position, and also to Chelsey in her responsibilities. Contact information for Chelsey has not changed. Her cell number is 701-226-4321.

### Retail Items for sale

Your association continues to sell caps, padfolios, mugs, and other items. We also have a few vests and jackets left. Contact Stan Wolf, Cass County Weed Officer @ 701-730-6786. ( We can ship)

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S CORNER

It was nice seeing you this past January in Bismarck at our annual conference. Some snow at the close of the event, but fairly decent weather for the first part of January in North Dakota. It was nice to see such a large crowd. Funny how many of us see each other only once a year, but we look forward to it. I am already looking forward for next year. The planning committee is already looking at some changes. Change is a good thing, otherwise we fall into a rut.

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 believe most of the state could use moisture, so lets keep hoping and praying for that as well. I hope that all of you had success. Till next time, be careful out there.

Area IV Booth at this years KFYSR Agri-international.

This is one way to set up the banners, but more importantly, using them. If you would like to use them for a specific function, contact your area director. They are free to use for our members.



A little fun at the conference



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