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Upcoming Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting
March 26, 2019, 10:00 am
Ramada Inn, Bismarck

Your association has caps, a couple of jackets and vests, and padfolios and a few other items for sale.

Contact Stan Wolf @ (701)730-6786 for more information

NEW WESITE www.ndweeds.com

Find us and like us now on Facebook too!!!

****NEWSLETTER****

Members, Keep Up The Good Work

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 throughout the year, 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

Presidents Message

Hello Everyone!

Want to hear a joke about paper?
Never mind its tear-able...

I'm happy to be your new President and excited for a busy year ahead of us! I'd like to first thank Katie for being a great president, and for all the work she has put into the association. Next, I'd like to thank Dave Hirsch for his years on the board and for all the efforts he has made over his career. The work he has done has impacted our state immensely. Thank you, Dave! Enjoy your retirement — you've earned it!

With the discovery of palmer amaranth in our state in 2018, it's caused a lot of discussion across the state between landowners, extension, commodity groups, and weed officers. Now is the time where we all need to come together and develop strategies to stop it from spreading across our state like it has in some of the southern states. This state is comprised of many very intelligent and enthusiastic people who I believe are some of the best in the country. It's an immense task, defeating palmer, but I feel we have the right people here that can get the job done. Still, it's going to take everyone's help to make this work.

I'm happy to announce that the *North Dakota Weed Association's* new website is done! A really big thank you to our sponsors who helped make it possible to complete. Without their support, the website wouldn't have turned out nearly as nice as it did. I'd also like to thank Mike and his crew at *Up and Running*, out of Bismarck, for being an extremely great company to work with. The new URL for the website is www.ndweeds.com. Please go and check it out. We also have links to our Facebook and Instagram pages. There isn't much content on there right now, but more will be added soon.

Again, I look forward to this upcoming year as your President. Spring is right around the corner, and we'll be hitting the ground running. It's going to be a great year with some new challenges that we will face, but I know we have the right people to get the job done. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the Weed Association and if we can help answer your questions, we will, or else we'll point you in the right direction.

Cheers!
Jamen Windish
2019 NDWCA President

Education Committee Update

I want to thank everyone who attended the 2019 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 2019 Sprayer Schools have been set for:

- May 28th at the Carrington Research Center
- May 29th in Minot at the North Central Research Center
- May 30th 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 Nutrien Solutions. 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 Kelby Sorensen and her 5th grade class from the South Prairie Elementary School in Minot, ND. Kelby's poster was voted on at our annual meeting in January.

Again, we will be having a booth at the Earth Day festival coming up in Bismarck on April 25th. This booth lets us interact with local students and the general public to inform them of noxious weed control.

Derrill Fick, NDWCA Education Chairman

NDDA Report

LAP Reallocation:

LAP reallocation will soon be finalized and redistributed in March. There will be a little over \$66,500 being shared amongst 22 counties. The dispersal of the reallocation total is being calculated through the LAP formula.

Also, please make sure to use all remaining LAP/TAG funds before the fiscal year due date of June 30, 2019. You can send vouchers for reimbursement to Richard's email at raweisz@nd.gov.

Annual Noxious Weed Surveys:

There are still several counties who have not submitted their Annual Noxious Weed Surveys.

Please complete and submit these surveys as soon as possible. The surveys are a very important factor when determining your total county LAP funding that will be received for the 2019-2021 biennium. Also, updating your noxious weed information and contact directory helps communication amongst the weed community.

If you have questions or if access codes are needed, please call Richard at (701) 328-2250 or email raweisz@nd.gov.

LAP funding use for Palmer:

Now that Palmer amaranth is listed as a state noxious weed, LAP funding can be utilized by cost-sharing with landowners for Palmer amaranth control.

Palmer amaranth (PA) Plan of Action:

The NDWCA, NDSU, and the NDDA are currently collaborating to provide two PA plan of action protocols by spring 2019 for:

- Landowner(s)
- County Weed Officers & County Extension Agents

The plan of action for Weed Officers & Extension Agents will be the same. This allows for collaboration by both groups to work together and communicate the same message to the individual(s) who need help.

USFS Grants:

Funding for projects are available. If you are interested, please send proposals to Richard at raweisz@nd.gov or if you have any questions, call at (701) 328-2250. Richard Weisz, ND Department of Agriculture

WEED OF THE MARCH NEWSLETTER



Stutsman County Extension agent Alicia Harstad with a Palmer Amaranth plant (NDSU Photo)

The #1 weed problem in the country.

*Palmer amaranth is a type of pigweed that has devastated crops in the South and Midwest. **It has now been identified in North Dakota.** We need to establish a zero tolerance for this weed.*

Potential Impact

“Palmer amaranth’s prolonged emergence period, rapid growth rate, prolific seed production, and propensity to evolve herbicide resistance quickly makes this the most pernicious, noxious, and serious weed threat that North Dakota farmers have ever faced.” - Rich Zollinger, Retired NDSU Extension Weed Scientist

Palmer amaranth is a competitive and aggressive pigweed species that poses a major threat to North Dakota crop production. Here's why.

Grows aggressively: Can grow 2 to 3 inches per day in optimum conditions Can grow to 6-8 feet tall

Has reduced yield up to 91 percent in corn and 79 percent in soybean

Prolific seed producer: Up to 1 million seeds per plant

Emerges throughout the growing season

Very prone to herbicide resistance (multiple modes of action)

“It’s the only weed I’ve seen that can drive a farmer out of business.” - Bill Johnson, Purdue University Ext. Weed

For Handout Material, go to the link below, or contact your local extension office.

<https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/palmeramaranth/documents/PalmerAmaranth8.5x11.pdf>

Executive Secretary Corner

First of all, I would like to thank each of you who made it to the annual conference back in January. Nice seeing you all again. Had good speakers for those of you who did not attend. Entertainment following the banquet was crazy. Will be starting to work on entertainment later this month into April, to get things booked. I am always looking for ideas for entertainment, within a reasonable budget, of course. Shoot me an e mail with what you have. Can be musical, comedy, or other. Stay warm, the weeds will be growing soon enough.

New Noxious Weeds

We now have 13 noxious weeds in North Dakota. This winter, Palmer Amaranth and Houndstongue were added.

Legislative Update

With crossover upon us, we get ready for the second half. HB 1149, dealing with gravel, passed the House and is now headed to the Senate. By the time you read this, it will have had its hearing in the Senate, and probably already voted upon in the full Senate. If passed, it carries with it an emergency declaration, meaning that it becomes law after the Governor signs it, allowing weed boards to utilize it this season.

The Ag Department budget passed the Senate unscathed, and is headed to the House. I have been working on this and other bills, while Merlin has concentrated only on the gravel bill. Otherwise, nothing else to report.

Leon Pederson, NDWCA Lobbyist

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