



# NORTH DAKOTA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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### Upcoming Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting

June 25, 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 info.**

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**\*\*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 are notified, we have no idea the comings and goings of board members.

## Presidents Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone's spring is going well. It has been a late start out here on the eastern side of the state. It has been cold and rainy most of the spring. Thus, leaving our ditches flooded. So, we put away the spray trucks and got our boats out to spray the right of ways! All jokes aside things are in full swing. Weeds are starting to show up and summer is on the horizon.

As most of you all know there was two weeds added to the North Dakota Noxious Weed list in January. Palmer amaranth and Houndstongue. The Houndstongue is up and growing already. Landowners be on the look out for it this time of year. If you suspect that you may have found any of the noxious weeds or any unknown plants I encourage you to contact your county weed officer or extension agent.

Weed officers end of June is coming up fast if you do not have your TAG or LAP in for this last biennium I'm sure Richard will be in contact with you about that. With June fast approaching that means flea beetle season will be here before we know it. I encourage more weed boards if you have sites that are collectable to either host small collection days or collect yourselves and disperse flea beetles. With the limited amount of beetle days now across the state it is getting harder for some of these landowners to receive these vital resources. I also encourage weed boards if you do not have sites with collectable numbers to attend these beetle days around the state to collect beetles and bring them back to your home county and start your own small insectaries.

I just want to take a minute and thank everyone involved in weed control. No matter how big or small you may think your role is it is a vital piece to the puzzle. When everyone works together, and all the pieces are in place what you get is the beautiful state of North Dakota.

I hope everyone has a safe and successful spray season!

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit...

Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad...

Jamen Windish  
2019 NDWCA President

## Education Committee Update

I want to thank everyone who attended the 2019 Sprayer Schools this year. They were held at the following locations: May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Carrington Research Center, May 29<sup>th</sup> in Minot at the North Central Research Center and May 30<sup>th</sup> in Dickinson at the Stark County Weed Control Shop. We had a total of 148 attendees. This is a great turn out but there is always room for more. We again incorporated training on Basic First Aid. Since we are working out in the middle of nowhere by ourselves or with one or two other workers, we should know what to do in case an injury occurs while we are working. At each school we heard from the ND Dept. of Agriculture Plant Industries division updates on noxious weeds from the noxious weed coordinator Richard Weisz. The Pesticide and Fertilizer Division had 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 such as reading the label. There was a Right-of-Way recertification training administered by the Pesticide Training Program of NDSU and a weed ID portion put on by the NDSU Research Centers. The final item at the school was the sprayer equipment calibration session provided by Bill Walker of Nutrien Solutions. We need to thank each presenter for their presentations and a special thank you to Karissa Floerchinger of Corteva Agriscience, Scott Ohnoutka of Bayer CropScience and Bill Walker of Nutrien Solutions for their support and sponsoring of the meals. Also, a thank you to the weed boards of Cavalier, Stark, Dunn and Ward Counties for sponsoring the breaks.

We had a booth at the earth day festival in Bismarck on April 25<sup>th</sup>. This is very well attended by grade school students so we are able to interact with the younger students and supply them with information about noxious and invasive weeds.

Kelby Sorensen was awarded a plaque and tee shirt for her winning poster that we had judged at our annual meeting in January. Kelby is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at South Prairie Elementary School in Minot, ND. All of the remaining students also received a tee shirt with the plaque printed on it. The students were given a presentation about how noxious and invasive weeds have an effect on the environment. Attached is a write-up in the Minot Daily News about Kelby:



Kelby Sorensen, a fifth grader at South Prairie School, holds her plaque, received for her winning poster design from N.D. Weed Control Association. Kelby Sorensen, a fifth grader at South Prairie School, was awarded a plaque and T-shirt from the North Dakota Weed Control Association for her winning poster design March 29. Sorensen was a participant in the statewide poster creation and coloring contest. Her poster was chosen during the association's annual meeting in Bismarck Jan. 10. The contest is open to all 5th and 6th grade students across the state. Students are asked to create and color a poster that best describes the problems and concerns that noxious and invasive weeds can create. This is an opportunity for the association to keep people educated on the problems of noxious and invasive weeds and how these weeds affect almost every person in the state, whether a farmer, rancher, homeowner, hunter or outdoor enthusiast. The association provided Kelby and other students in her class with a short presentation on the problems of these weeds, and each student was given a T-shirt with the winning poster design on it.

Derrill Fick, NDWCA Education Chairman

## NDDA Report

by Richard Weisz

### LAP & TAG Deadline (June 30, 2019):

The end of the 2017-2019 biennium is June 30, 2019. Please send in any remaining LAP/TAG vouchers for reimbursement as the new 2019-2021 biennium starts July 1, 2019. You can send vouchers for reimbursement to Richard's email at [raweisz@nd.gov](mailto:raweisz@nd.gov).

### LAP & TAG 2019-2021:

Funding for LAP & TAG in the 2019-2021 is expected to be similar to last biennium.

### 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 allocation 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](mailto:raweisz@nd.gov).

### USFS Grants:

Funds for projects are available. If you are interested, please send proposals to Richard at [raweisz@nd.gov](mailto:raweisz@nd.gov) or if you have any questions, call at (701) 328-2250.

# NDDA Report

By Chelsey Penuel

“Please continue to monitor leafy spurge infestations for the emergence of the leafy spurge flea beetle bio-agents. As with all bio-agents, we encounter a time sensitive issue with the leafy spurge flea beetles. On average, there is about a 2 week window from emergence to egg laying during which these bio-agents can be redistributed (typically mid-June to early-July).

NDDA is available to assist counties in hosting public field collection days. Please contact Chelsey Penuel at 701-226-4321 or [cpenuel@nd.gov](mailto:cpenuel@nd.gov) when you see the flea beetles emerging and feeding on leafy spurge plants. We have nets, bug sorters, sweepers, and information to pass along to the public on how to start an insectary, monitoring, collecting, and redistribution of these leafy spurge bio-agents. Again, the goal of biological control is to reduce unwanted infestations to a manageable level.”

## Palmer Amaranth Action Plan Template

**This is just a guide to help those that need it if palmer is found. Each county should tailor it to their needs. It is encouraged to work together with County Agents and Weed Officers.**

### Landowner

Landowners should scout fields starting in late spring through summer and fall, especially before harvest. When a suspicious plant is found, contact your county extension agent or county weed officer. Mark/flag the location and leave the plant in place to not spread seed. It is also easier to identify if it hasn't been pulled. The county weed officer will work with the NDSU extension agent to: Gather photos and information to send to NDSU weed specialist(s) for confirmation or ruling out PA. Develop an action plan with a NDSU specialist if PA is confirmed. Landowners should hand pull, bag on site and destroy confirmed PA plants. PA plants should be burned or deeply buried to prevent movement of seed. Landowners should work with their county weed officer and continue to survey the field for a period of 3-5 years post removal to verify no additional PA is found.

### Weed Officer & Extension Agent

Suspicious plant is found. Take pictures and mark the location. Individual contacts the County Weed Officer or County Extension Agent. The Weed Officer and Extension Agent will work together by providing information to a NDSU Specialist(s) to identify suspect plant. NDSU and the County Weed Officer confirm it is/is not PA. NDDA should be contacted if it's confirmed. NDDA notifies State Seed Department. The County Weed Officer and NDDA should lead the investigation while NDSU may assist the farmer to identify how widespread the infestation is, how it got there, etc. NDSU Specialist(s), County Weed Officer, and NDDA will work with the landowner to develop an action plan. NDSU and the County Weed Officer will follow up with landowner after initial action plan has been completed. The County Weed Officer should keep records and maps to continue follow up with landowner and survey the field for a period of 3-5 years post removal to verify no additional PA is found.

**NDSU Specialists for ID and action plans include:** Brian Jenks, Minot; Tom Peters, Fargo; Kirk Howatt, Fargo; Greg Endres, Carrington; Caleb Dalley, Hettinger; Joe Ikley, Fargo

### Acronym Guide

PA: Palmer amaranth  
NDSU: North Dakota State University  
NDDA: North Dakota Department of Agriculture

### Contact Links:

County Extension Agent:

<https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/extension/directory/counties>

County Weed Officer:

<https://www.nd.gov/ndda/sites/default/files/resource/Weed%20Board%20Directory%20-%20public.pdf>  
[www.nd.gov/ndda/pa](http://www.nd.gov/ndda/pa)

### Genetic testing link:

University of Illinois Plant Clinic:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/plantclinic/submitsample.cfm>

National Agricultural Genotyping Center (Fargo, ND):

<https://www.genotypingcenter.com/services/testing/>

### **Executive Secretary Corner**

Spring is finally here, or I guess summer. Where is spring? Several weeks ago, it looked like winter in the south western part of the state. Moisture is needed in some parts of the state, crops are still being seeded or planted, and the perennial weeds are growing. That keeps all of us weed officers in employment! Hope you have a great spraying season. Before you realize it, it will be fall area meetings.

### **New Board Member**

David Hirsch is retiring from USDA-APHIS later this month. With that, he will be off the board. Since we have no government entities that are full members, the NDWCA board decided to fill Dave's position with an advisory government position until the annual meeting. The board selected Kent Luttschwager. He is with the ND Game & Fish out of Williston. On behalf of the board, welcome Ken to the board, and also Good Luck Dave in your retirement.

### **Legislative Update**

HB 1149, dealing with gravel, passed the House and Senate, and was signed by the governor . Because it carries an emergency clause, it is now law.

The Ag Department budget passed both chambers, and was signed by the Governor. Nothing changed as far as noxious weed funds were concerned. If any of you made it to the sprayer schools, you heard Richard from the NDDA mention that TAG and LAP will be unchanged for the new biennium.

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