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Upcoming Meetings :

Board of Directors Meeting June 30, 2020, 10:00 am

2021 Annual Conference set for January 11-14

Ramada Inn, Bismarck

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

Contact Merlin, Cody or Derrill for more information

****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 fellow weed control specialists!

Wow, what a year this has become. Either way, if you had this Covid 19 virus, or nobody within a hundred miles of you has had it, you have been affected by it. Right now, Morton County is trying to get back to a sense of normal; hopefully, it's a quick smooth flowing transition back.

Amidst the chaos we were able to launch our county cost share program. We made several changes to the office and shop to accommodate social distancing and cleanliness. It was though a later launch than all other years I have been here, so sales might go well into our own spraying season.

I hope everyone has been able to get your seasonal sprayers certified this year. We took advantage of one of the days NDSU offered testing in Bismarck. I utilized the one day they offered a six-hour time slot because my seasonal sprayer needed to take three tests. The kid is so book smart that he got all the tests taken and passed within two hours and ten minutes. I would like to thank NDSU and NDDA for you did to make those testing days available.

I am sad we weren't able to offer the Sprayer Schools this year. I have to encourage you folks to spend extra time with your new sprayers this year. Normally our new hires pick up a ton of information and experience from the sprayer schools. This year we are going to have to be the best teachers we can be.

It appears that in this area the weeds are emerging, and growing a little slow, so we are just starting to spray our right of ways. If we ever get a break from this crazy wind, we might get something done.

Beetle days are right around the corner too. We are going to give it our best to make sure we can offer these days. We will have to follow the guidelines set out by the CDC and our individual counties. In my opinion, these guidelines should not be a problem to follow because these areas offer vast outdoor space where the virus is not easily transferred.

I have to thank you all for all you are doing out there to keep North Dakota so beautiful, no matter what mother nature has thrown at us. I hope you all have a great, productive, and safe season.

Cody Schnabel
2020 NDWCA President

Education Committee Update

With the virus happening and the uncertainty of facilities being open and the number of people that could be together at one time it was decided to cancel the Sprayer Schools for this year. The Sprayer Schools are a great time to get caught up on the current policies, weed ID and calibrations. We will organize a Sprayer School again next year and let you know of the dates next spring. The same precautions were made with the cancelation of the Earth Day Celebration that we normally have a booth at. We will try again next year. Everyone please stay safe!

Derrill Fick
2020 NDWCA Education Committee Chairman

NDDA UPDATE

LAP & TAG Deadline (June 30, 2020):

The end of the 2019-2020 biennium is June 30, 2020. Please send in any remaining LAP/TAG vouchers for reimbursement as the new 2019-2021 biennium starts July 1, 2020.

You can send vouchers for reimbursement to Richard's email at rweisez@nd.gov.

Annual Noxious Weed Surveys:

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

These were due **March 15, 2020.**

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 rweisez@nd.gov.

USFS Grants:

Funding is limited. First come. First serve. If you are interested, please send proposals to Richard at rweisez@nd.gov or if you have any questions, call at (701) 328-2250.

Weed Of The June Newsletter—Common Burdock (Wild Rhubarb)



- Common burdock is a biennial weed, reproducing by seed. Scout roadsides, ditches, waste areas, creek beds, pastures, and low lying areas for patches of this weed because it prefers moist fertile soils.
- Chemical Control - Amine 2-4D, Ester, Milestone, Tordon, just to name a few. Check your labels for rate and if your chemical you have on hand controls the plant.
- Seed viability - Varies up to 4 to 5 years.

Industry Update:

Industry News:

In this newsletter we will talk about a new bareground product from Bayer, **Plainview SC Herbicide**.

Bayer's new bareground product **Plainview SC Herbicide** was introduced into the market in 2020, Plainview SC Herbicide is a pre-mix of Esplanade 200 SC Herbicide, Method 240 SL Herbicide and Imazapyr Herbicide (Arsenal Herbicide). Many of you were already mixing these products together to get the bareground you needed, now it will be easier with less mixing and only needing 1 product to do the work of the 3 you have been mixing.

Use sites include but not necessarily limited to – roadsides around guardrails, delineators, road shoulders, railroad sites, industrial areas, utilities, airports, government and military installations, tank farms, pumping stations, storage areas, utility substations, lumberyards, around farm buildings, non-irrigation ditch banks, fence rows, manufacturing sites, parking lots, hardscape sites, and under asphalt or concrete as part of site preparation and other sites as listed where bareground (no vegetation) is wanted or required.

Use rates are 32 to 64 ounces per acre rates and not to exceed 64 ounces per acre per year, most common use rate is 3 pints per acre rate (48 ounces), watch applications around trees and shrubs as spraying around or over the root systems of these can severely damage or kill them, stay at least 2 driplines away from these (a dripline is the furthest branches of the trees and then double that for safety or, in the case of pine or spruce species or others stay at least the height of the tree away and possibly double that as well).

While this product would burndown smaller existing vegetation it is recommended that you add some glyphosate with it to help in controlling existing vegetation faster, non-ionic surfactant at a rate of .25% or 1 quart per 100 gallons of mix or MSO at .50% to 1% or 2 to 4 quarts per 100 gallons of mix are recommended as well.

This would be a good product for spraying in your equipment storage lots, for road shoulder recovery, around bridge rails, under guardrails and again many other types of sites for total vegetation control.

It is **not** recommended for use in any sensitive type of sites where bareground might be needed, watch applications on sloped areas or where any run-off might move towards any sensitive crops, trees or other non-target vegetation.

For a full label on Plainview SC Herbicide please go to www.cdms.net , select label database, select Bayer Environmental Science, select Plainview SC Herbicide and you can print or download the full label on this new bareground product.

Update on DuraCor/TerraVue Herbicides:

While TerraVue Herbicide does have right-a-way labeling DuraCor Herbicide did not and CORTEVA has added a supplemental label for DuraCor that allows for spraying of right-a-ways and utility lines transecting grazed areas, there was a question posed to the North Dakota Department of Agriculture on this very supplemental label on broader spraying of right-a-ways and they think it could be used on right-a-ways, I would ask that you verify this with the North Dakota Department of Ag if planning on spraying right-a-ways with DuraCor Herbicide, you can contact Luke Wagner, Agriculture Pesticide Inspector Supervisor, ND Department of Agriculture at 1-701-328-4922 for any further clarity on this use for DuraCor Herbicide.

Submitted by:

William "Bill" Walker

North Dakota Weed Control Association

Industry Representative

Executive Secretary Corner

First of all, I hope all of you have survived the pandemic. Everyone has an opinion, one way or the other. Divisions in our country have occurred. Cancellations have occurred. Your weed association has been effected as well. Our March board of directors meeting, originally to be held on March 31, was postponed to April 28, then it was cancelled altogether. We have a meeting coming up on June 30. At this time, we are hoping to have it with everyone in attendance. We will see what happens.

We have not set the dates for our fall area meetings. That was on the agenda in March, will be on the agenda in June. We have not set our annual conference date or location for 2022. That will be set at the June meeting.

For 2021, it is set, but, with this pandemic, what will be different? We don't know at this time. First of all, is being able to have the conference, then getting speakers, entertainment, vendors will fall into place.

Watch our association website for meeting schedules between now and the September newsletter as well.

Take care, stay safe, and have a great 2020 spraying season. Merlin

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020

The board of directors would like to thank all of you that have become members again with us for 2020. Without your memberships, we could not work for you on various levels, including funding, biocontrol, chemical labeling, education, and more. If you have not yet paid your membership dues, there is still time to come on board for 2020. Thank you Members!!!

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