

Noxious Weed Control Plan

(Due January 31 of each year)

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Nebraska Department of Agriculture

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For: Scotts Bluff County For the year 2025

Statement of Finding

The failure to control noxious weeds on lands in this state is a serious problem which is detrimental to the production of crops and livestock and to the welfare of residents of this state and which may devalue land and reduce tax revenue (Neb. Rev. Stat. 2-945.02(1)).

Section 2-954 of the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act requires each weed control authority to establish a coordinated program for the control of noxious weeds within their county.

INSPECTIONS

Under the direction of the County Noxious Weed Control Authority, it shall be the duty of every County Weed Control Superintendent to examine all lands under the jurisdiction of the Control Authority.

Explain the process established by the Control Authority to examine all lands and compile such data on infested areas and controlled areas.

Randomly inspect lands throughout the County establishing a mapping system along with inspection reports.

Currently, how many infestations are reported by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) as open files in this county? 8 (By December 31, your NDA inspector will provide a list of your open files.)

List each open file by **Section, Township and Range** separately and **outline in detail** how each open file will be addressed in the upcoming growing season.

27-23-57W SE ¼ 33-22-57W S ¼ 33-22-57W N ½ 28-22-57W NW ¼ 9-22-57W S ½ 22-22-57W

4-22-57W S ½ 12-21-56W

According to past Control Plans the first 7 open files have been addressed prior to 2021. Nebraska Dept. of Ag has not reinspected. The last open file is the 2024 calendar year and will be addressed.

COMMUNICATION

How many times each year does the County Weed Control Superintendent meet with the Control Authority Board? 2 or as needed

Is there a set schedule to meet with the Control Authority Board? NO

If yes, explain,

If not, explain, Meet at budget time and year end report time. Otherwise, we meet as issues arise.

What type and how many public awareness events do you plan to participate in the upcoming year? Farm and Ranch Show along with any other noxious weed related events. Our County Government Day.

PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT

What would you like to see change to help make your job more efficient and improve your county noxious weed program?

(Equipment, technology, tools, etc.)

Being able to find and hire more seasonal spray operators.

What is the one thing that makes your program stand out?

Good communication with the landowners. The public seeing our spray technicians out addressing the noxious weeds on the County ROW

Is the County Weed Control Superintendent given adequate time to address all noxious weed infestations within the county? (EXPLAIN)

Scotts Bluff County Weed Control Superintendent is given adequate time to address infestations, often it I believe the problem is how the growing season progresses.

Is the County Weed Control Superintendent a full-time or part-time employee?

Full-time X Part-time

FUNDING

Is your County Noxious Weed Program adequately funded to ensure that noxious weeds are controlled in a timely manner? (EXPLAIN)

Scotts Bluff County is adequately funded to control noxious weeds on property controlled by the County. Hiring spray technicians is a bigger issue than funding.

NOXIOUS WEED ENFORCEMENT

Which individual notice(s) will be utilized by the county weed control authority?

_____10 day _____15 day _____XX_____Both

When a control authority finds it necessary to secure more prompt or definite control of noxious weeds on land than is accomplished by the general published notice, it shall cause to be served individual notice upon the owner of record of such land at his or her last-known address, giving specific instructions and methods when and how certain named noxious weeds are to be controlled. **Outline the procedure adopted by your county noxious weed control authority when issuing an individual notice.**

We issue notices as prescribed in the State of Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act and Noxious weed Regulations.

When the owner of the land on which noxious weeds are present has neglected or failed to control them as required pursuant to the act and any notice given, the control authority having jurisdiction shall proceed as follows:

As outlined in The State of Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act and Noxious Weed Regulations

NOXIOUS WEED INFESTATIONS INCREASED OR DECREASED

List the number of infested acres using previous year and current year infestations Report.

Musk thistle total acres infested (Previous Year) 4634 (Current Year) 3615

Plumeless thistle total acres infested (Previous Year) 0 (Current Year) 0

Canada thistle total acres infested (Previous Year) 26835 (Current Year) 26,800

Leafy spurge total acres infested (Previous Year) 0 (Current Year) 0

Knapweed (Spotted & Diffuse) total acres infested (Previous Year) 0 (Current Year) 0

Purple Loosestrife total acres infested (Previous Year) 0 (Current Year) 0

Saltcedar total acres infested (Previous Year) 361 (Current Year) 342

Phragmites total acres infested (Previous Year) 18 (Current Year) 189

Knotweed total acres infested (Previous Year) 0 (Current Year) 0

Sericea lespedeza total acres infested (Previous Year) 0 (Current Year)

Submitted, reviewed, and approved by the county noxious weed control authority at a regular board meeting

Dated _____ 20____

County Weed Superintendent

Control Authority Chairperson

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