

NWCA Times – Fall 2018

The Nebraska Weed Control Association, 2807 West 2nd St., Grand Island, NE 68803

A Message from your NWCA President

Fall. The most beautiful time of the year, right? Leaves start changing colors and slowly fall to earth. Most weeds have gone dormant for the year. Nothing else for a weed superintendent to do, right? WRONG. Oh sure, most of the spraying has been completed and the sprayers have all been winterized, later the chemical will all be put in storage for the year making sure it doesn't freeze. If you have time now is a good time to give your spray rigs a once over fixing any minor repairs now so you will be ready to lock and load next spring. There is still lots to do in the fall and winter. Read on.

During the month of November is the third opportunity to get continuing education hours. Now is also a good time to meet with our commissioners and supervisors and give them a run down on how the summer went. This year the biggest topic was all of the rain making weed control efforts somewhat difficult. Every year about this time the Ag Inspectors for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture will be stopping by to do office evaluations. This is also a good time to get started with your five annual reports. It really helps to have input from the commissioners and supervisors, as this is your plan of action for how landowners will be notified of noxious weed infestations, and your policy, if necessary, on how you will issue and enforce an individual notice.

Most counties in Nebraska belong to a weed management area. Currently there are thirteen wma's that collectively accomplish more than individual counties could achieve. Several thousands of dollars in grant funds have helped these wma's battle noxious and invasive plants that would be nearly impossible to treat without the use of helicopters, airboats and any other means available to help us to do our job. Make sure you "toot your horn" to your bosses so they know of your success stories.

The Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) convention will be held December 12 and 13 in Kearney. This is a great time to meet representatives from a lot of the agencies we deal with during the year. This meeting is our chance to find out more about how these agencies deal with noxious weed control. You can see the NACO agenda by visiting the N.W.C.A. website – www.neweed.org

Region meetings are hands down the best meetings you can attend in the wintertime. I've always felt that the fellowship from this organization makes each of us stronger, better educated and more professional. I've also said that if you have a success story you should share it with your co-workers. We all share a common goal of weed control, so sharing ideas on how to control weeds or which herbicide works better than another one may benefit your region, or the entire state.

What better way to start off the New Year than to attend the N.W.C.A. conference? In 2019 it will be held February 12 and 13 at the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City. Plan now on attending, there will be something there for one and all. In February the Leafy Spurge Task Force will have their quarterly meeting, and continue to make plans for their annual tour and conference.

As you can see there is an abundance of activities, meetings and projects for the fall and soon to be winter season. I'm sure there are other activities that I have failed to include so if you know of something going on please share it with the group.

Until we meet again, I would like to wish all of you a very happy holiday season.

Your NWCA President,
Rod Stolcpart

Weed Free Forage and Gravel Certification

Rob Schultz – Weed Free Forage Committee

There is a growing demand for weed free forage in Nebraska and across North America as a preventative program for the spread of noxious weeds. This program has developed a list of standards that should provide land owners and managers assurance that noxious weeds will not be spread through the movement of forage and gravel. Most weed superintendents across the State of Nebraska do weed free forage inspections for landowners so they might be able to get a premium for their weed free hay or mulch. Weed Free Forage inspections are a very positive thing to do for landowners. It shows professionalism in the weed superintendent to assist the landowner in a positive way.

The North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) Weed Free Forage and Gravel Committee have developed standards and forms for gravel pit inspections over the past few years. Gravel pits can be a source of noxious and invasive weeds in your county. There will be more training and updates for Weed Superintendents on Weed Free Forage and Gravel Pit inspections at future trainings.

The goal of the Weed Free Forage and Gravel standards is to provide a guideline to set minimum requirements for uniform participation of the various provinces and states in the Program. The standards are designed: to provide some assurance to all participants that forage certified through this program meets a minimum acceptable standard, to provide continuity between the various provinces and states in the program, and to limit the spread of noxious weeds through forage, mulch and gravel.

NAISMA List for Weed Free Forage:

Absinth wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium*)
Austrian fieldcress (*Rorippa austriaca*)
Black henbane (*Hyoscyamus niger*)
Buffalobur (*Solanum rostratum*)
Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
Caucasian bluestem (*Bothriochloa bladhii*)
Common burdock (*Arctium minus*)
Common crupina (*Crupina vulgaris*)
Common mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*)
Common tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*)
Common teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*)
Cutleaf teasel (*Dipsacus laciniatus*)
Dam e's rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)
Dalmatian toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica*)
Diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*)
Dyers woad (*Isatis tinctoria*)
Field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*)
Field scabious (*Knautia arvensis*)
Hoary alyssum (*Berteroa incana*)
Hoary cress (*Cardaria* spp.)
Horsenettle (*Solanum carolinense*)
Houndstongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*)
Johnsongrass (*Sorghum halepense*)
Jointed goatgrass (*Aegilops cylindrica*)
Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)
Meadow knapweed (*Centaurea pratensis*)
Medusahead (*Taeniatherum caputmedusae*)
Musk thistle (*Carduus nutans*)

Orange hawkweed (*Hieracium aurantiacum*)
Oxeye daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*)
Perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*)
Perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*)
Plumeless thistle (*Carduus acanthoides*)
Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*)
Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*)
Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)
Quackgrass (*Agropyron repens*)
Rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*)
Russian knapweed (*Centaurea repens*)
Scentless chamomile (*Matricaria perforata* or *M. milaceum*)
Scotch thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*)
Sericea lespedeza (*Lespedeza cuneata*)
Spotted knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*)
Squarrose knapweed (*Centaurea virgata*)
St. Johnswort (*Hypericum perforatum*)
Sulfur cinquefoil (*Potentilla recta*)
Tall buttercup (*Ranunculus acris*)
Tansy ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*)
Vipers bugloss/ Blueweed (*Echium vulgare*)
Wild oats (*Avena fatua*)
Wild proso millet (*Panicum miliaceum*)
Yellow bluestem (*Bothriochloa ischaemum*)
Yellow hawkweed (*Hieracium pratense*)
Yellow starthistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*)
Yellow toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*)



Nebraska State Fair and Husker Harvest Days Review

Rob Schultz – State Display Committee

The Nebraska State Fair was held in Grand Island from August 24th through September 3rd, and Husker Harvest Days was held on September 11-13, 2018 west of Grand Island. The Nebraska Weed Control Association (NWCA) and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program (NDA) had noxious weed displays at both shows.

Weed Superintendents from across the state assisted in working the booths to assist people with their weed control questions. Not only do we talk about noxious and invasive species in Nebraska but we also get to talk about weeds and invasive species in other parts of the United States. Land owners come in seeking information on some particular species that is troubling them on their farm or ranch. A success story from the Nebraska State Fair this year was a landowner from a certain county came in and started talking about phragmites that he had seen from a bridge on a particular road. The weed superintendent in that county was contacted soon after the landowner left the booth and the weed superintendent went out and checked the particular area. It was identified as non-native phragmites and the weed superintendent got it sprayed a few weeks later.

Both of these events are excellent opportunities to provide outreach and education to homeowners and landowners. We do our best to have live noxious weed plant samples, and we provide brochures containing information about noxious and invasive weed control.

Regional Updates by the NWCA Directors

Region I – Ed Sladky, Director

Region I has had a very challenging weed control season, due to all the rain that we received. We have found more Canada thistle and upland phragmites than in past years.

All counties have done a good job keeping up the weed fight on land and on the river for noxious weeds and also on the watch list weeds.

The Lower Platte Weed Management Area and the 5 Rivers Weed Management Area are two Weed Management Areas that are located in the east central and southeast part of the state, where we are all working for the same results, noxious weed control on Riparian and wetland areas. The Weed Management groups consist of counties that work together to obtain grant funding, and work together to battle the noxious and invasive weeds.

The Lower Platte Weed Management Area received a Grant from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture for \$58,387. This money was used for helicopter surveys and spraying on the river, for herbicide, the purchase of a new Argo, other equipment needed and for educating the landowners. This grant also reimburses counties for control done by each county.

This Summer the LPWMA sprayed approximately 165 acres of purple loosestrife and phragmites along the Platte River from Cass County to Platte County. This was sprayed by helicopter, because the areas were not accessible with an airboat or the Argo. Counties did whatever it took to get the noxious weeds sprayed, whether it was a contractor with an airboat, or someone with an airboat that was willing to spray on the river.

The 5 Rivers WMA was in the 3rd and final year of the NET Grant. It was a grant for \$35,000 each year for 3 years, and was used for educating the landowners and cost share for noxious weed control work. They also received a grant of \$30,000 from the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture, which was used for helicopter survey of the Missouri River as well as upland. They also did some cost share work with the Game and Parks wildlife management areas, and held a landowner meeting in August with 30 landowners in attendance. Landowners are the most valuable partners in weed management.

Continuing Education is also a part of a Weed Superintendents job description. Fall Training was held in Kearney on November 7&8, 2018. We had a very informational and busy agenda, with topics such as annual grass control, Building Landowner Relationships, Herbicide Volatility and EPA Regulations just to name a few. Our final continuing education opportunity for 2018 is NACO in Kearney, December 12-13.

With the growing season over, it is the time of year where we meet with the NDA Inspectors, work on maps from our summer work, and start working on the 5 reports that are to be to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture by January 31,2019.

Region II - Bill Babutzke, Director

Hello to all from Region II, another weed season is over and the ground is white with snow. Woke up this morning with a temperature of 8 degrees, which means fall spraying is definitely over for this year. There is some weed work that can be done like looking for and mapping Phragmites, as it is truly easier to spot in the winter time.

Fall training was November 7th and 8th. The Education Committee did a fine job setting up speakers. Annual grass control by Scott Ohnoutka and building landowner relationships by Abe Smith

started off the first day. Terri Krysl lead a panel discussion on year in review. Dr. Bill Podraza was back to talk on getting the most done by working together. Second day Kristi Paul did an update on watch list weeds Mitch Coffin (NDA) talked on hay quarantine and NDA reports and requirements with many more speakers. Because of snowy weather some of the speakers couldn't make it to speak.

In the course of 2018 we lost some good friends. Doug Smith, Dixon county weed superintendent, passed away last April. Doug was very active in the NWCA, helped lead the path on bio control, along with SD/NE Purple Loosestrife. Ted Bethell, a good friend to everyone in the NWCA passed away this fall. Ted was the central and western Nebraska specialty area manager with Van Diest Supply Company.

The North East Weed Management Area had a busy summer. Bruce Ofe sprayed Yellow Flag Iris along the Elkhorn River, there will be a follow up next summer, possibly by air boat. There was also bio control released on the Niobrara River for purple loosestrife. Bio control was also released on spotted knapweed and leafy spurge.

NACO Conference is coming up in Kearney, and our Annual NWCA Conference will be in Nebraska City in February 2019. Hope to see you there!

Well that's it from Region 2, Hope everybody enjoys the Holidays.

Region III – Mike Smith, Director

Everyone in Region III is completing their remaining spraying and inspecting for the year. Due to the loss of Dixon County Weed Superintendent Doug Smith, and past Superintendent Stan Voskamp, it has been a dismal year. Their knowledge and friendship will be missed. Dixon County presented a park bench dedicated to the memory of Doug Smith to his family at the Dixon County Fair.

A majority of the rivers within Region III were unable to be sprayed due to the wet spring and summer. Several counties managed to spray by airboat and argo. Bruce Ofe and his crew sprayed out of kayaks for 10 days, along with the use of a helicopter to spray the yellow flag iris and purple loosestrife. The helicopter covers a lot of ground, at \$2,000 per hour!

Welcome to the NWCA Doug Ellis, the new Dixon County Weed Superintendent. Doug has many years of experience as the assistant in Dixon County, so we are sure he will do very well.

After seven years as the Region III alternate director, I have assumed the role of Director for Region III. Director election for Region III will be in December 2019.

NWCA President Rod Stolcpart was present at the fall meeting in West Point the 24th of October. He introduced new information regarding usage of the NCA website along with updating us on all yearly forms. Rod also informed us that it is likely within 2 – 5 years that up to ten experienced weed superintendents will be retiring. Region III will be investing in training a younger generation the knowledge and benefits of this profession.

Several weed superintendents are traveling to the area in South Dakota where Doug Smith was the head of a large Bio-Control project, and continue that program as it has been beneficial to the State of Nebraska. The NWCA board of directors plans to award a scholarship to a student that is involved in bio control, in honor of Doug.

In conclusion, Region III had a challenging year, bt we made it through with a positive outlook for next year's agenda, projects and obstacles to overcome.

Region IV – Mark Goebel, Director

A lot of things went on in the Region this fall. Fall is an important time for getting things done. For the counties that spray, fall can be the most productive time of our entire growing season. With all

of the needed moisture over the summer and the rosettes that start their new life. This fall the weed that has been under fire the most is phragmites. There are two Weed Management Areas in Region 4, the Platte Valley (PVWMA) and the Twin Valley TVWMA. This fall in the TVWMA scouted and spot sprayed more than 50 miles of the Republican River. There are two main reasons for spraying in the fall on the Republican. 1) is the herbicide that is used has an irrigation restriction and 2) the active ingredient in the herbicide trans-locates the best in the fall. One factor that often interferes with weed control projects is the weather. A lot of high winds and the October killing frost hindered the helicopter spraying on the Republican River. Even after the frost the helicopter still sprayed around 500 acres of Canada Thistle that fills the void when phragmites is taken out. Most Superintendents are finding more phragmites in non-flowing water sights such as marshy areas, ponds and some intermittent wet areas like drainage ditches in a corn field.

PVWMA fall spraying that took place was on the Platte River spraying from Columbus to Lake McConaughy for phragmites, and on the Loup Rivers from Genoa to Boelus for yellow flag iris and phragmites. Spraying will continue next late spring for these invasives to keep the channels open for flow conveyance and flood control.

Region 4 Superintendents do a lot to inform the public of how to control all kinds of noxious and invasive weeds. Region 4 superintendents assisted with the NWCA display booths at the Nebraska State Fair, Husker Harvest Days, and the Gateway Farm Expo. Many landowners are coming to the booth to find out information about problem weeds on their property, whether they are noxious weeds or just general weeds.

Some people think that after the ground is frozen or the snow flies that a Superintendent work is done, but the cycle is just starting over again. The winter time is a great time of year to be inspecting for phragmites. It is easily found in wetlands, ditches, ponds, streams, lakes, and rivers due to the leaves being off the trees and its light brown color along the water's edge. Once it is found, educational letters can be sent out to the landowner letting them know what it is and how it can be controlled next summer.

In closing, be a good neighbor and take care of those weeds.

Region V – Dan Wordekemper, Director

I'm sure everybody has finished up their Fall spraying. I am also sure that most people reading this, know that Fall spraying is very effective at controlling noxious weeds. A majority of the public thinks that after the first light frost, spraying season is over, to the contrary, this is a good time to get a head start on next years control. Early this Fall I placed an ad in the local paper stating just this, and because of the article I received a few calls inquiring about how late in the season a person can spray, and what chemicals are best for Fall applications.

After spray season is finally over, we all need to winterize our equipment. A lot of people (including myself) thought the pink RV antifreeze is the best for this, and in some cases, it might be, but for pumps and actuators, things of this kind, actual antifreeze is the best option. This was brought to my attention by a sprayer manufacturer. The reason being is that real antifreeze has a certain amount of lubricant in it, and will prevent certain spray parts from freezing up, drying out, and rusting. At the Nebraska Weed Control fall training in Kearney, the region 5 members had a meeting, and Dan Wordekemper was reelected to represent Region 5 as Director. I appreciate the vote of confidence from my fellow panhandle weed superintendents and hope to represent the panhandle in this state-wide organization.

On December 19th Region 5 (Panhandle Weed Control Association) will have a meeting in Scottsbluff, hosted by Jeff Schledewitz. Also, NACO is in Kearney December 12th, 13th, and 14th, hope

to see you all there. If your county is in need of continuing education hours, this is the final opportunity of 2018.

NOW is the time to start working on your five annual reports for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. These reports must be signed during a county board meeting, and arrive in Lincoln on or before January 31, 2019.

I hope everybody has a happy and safe holiday season.

Region VI – Ridge Horky, Director

Winter is here and I'm sure some of us weren't ready for it yet. I know I had some projects on the Loup River that I wanted to get done but ran out of time. Now it's time to go through equipment and catch up on some paper work. If you haven't worked with Weedmapper (Nebraska Weed Control Association's free weed mapping website) this is a great time to play with it and figure it out.

Over the past few years Counties and WMA's have been doing an incredible job working on Rivers and waterways to clean up phragmites. The progress is easy for weed superintendents to see, but not always noticed by others. Ten years ago infestations of non-native phragmites were so bad in western Dawson County and eastern Lincoln County they had completely clogged some channels of the Platte River. In 2007 PVWMA received its first grant to combat this infestation. Over the last 10 years the Platte Valley WMA and West Central WMA have used grant funds to spray 20,000 acres of phragmites on 190 miles of Platte River in Dawson, Lincoln and Keith counties. Today the infestations of phragmites are greatly reduced but the PVWMA and WCWMA continue to seek funding to keep the phragmites in check.

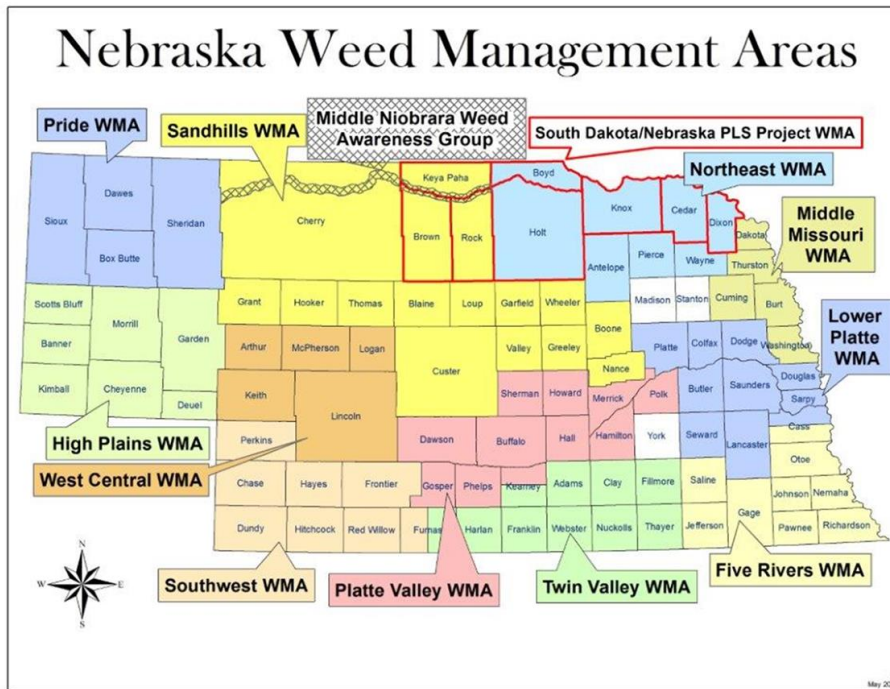
Sandhills WMA was also busy this year. Numerous patches of phragmites were located on the Loup River and Prairie Creek in Nance County. With the help of SWMA and Nebraska WMA Coalition, Nance county was able to get a good start into restoring these water ways. The weather cut us short but these infestations will not go untreated. Next year we will come in with more knowledge and new resources to stop these patches from spreading.

As we all know, Spring will arrive before we know it, so use the winter months wisely. Update and repair equipment, complete paperwork and mapping, and get the five annual reports done. Take advantage of every opportunity to educate landowners, such as Private Applicators Training, or local Farm shows. Make sure to keep your pesticide applicators license up to date if you're not on schedule with NWCA yet. I hope to see you all at NWCA Annual Conference in Nebraska City!



Invasive phragmites is easy to spot during the winter months

Nebraska Noxious Weed - Purple Loosestrife



Working Together Works!

By Kristi Paul, Sheridan County Weed Superintendent

Working together works. I've used this phrase for many years. In most projects, the more partners and worker bees the bigger the chance of successful results.

This is definitely the case when it comes to Nebraska's Weed Management Area groups. Statewide there are 13 different Weed Management Areas (WMA's). WMA's in Nebraska were started between 1998 and 2005 for several reasons. First, weeds know no boundaries. Having several counties work together to share equipment, expertise and resources makes sense. Second, forming partnerships with landowners, County, State and Federal partners brings many more players to the table. Finally, state and Federal grants are often geared towards non-profit groups. By forming a WMA and securing non-profit status, many weed superintendents across the state have been able to be a part of large successful grant funded weed control projects.

One big driving force of our state's invasive weed control has been water. Keeping the rivers flowing, and getting the water to Kansas as promised is a huge success story for the WMA groups along the Platte and Republican Rivers. Clearing debris from the river channel, scouring the islands which had been completely infested with purple loosestrife, saltcedar and phragmites, and working to control all of the invasive vegetation is a challenge to say the least. Improving water flow, protecting wildlife habitat, and providing migratory birds the areas they require for stopover roost sites makes the work worthwhile.

Not all work by WMA's has been done on water systems. Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) of weeds that are new and invasive to our state has helped to prevent many of the Watch List weeds (pages 6-7) from becoming established in Nebraska. Weeds such as common and cutleaf teasel,

absinth wormwood, and sulfur cinquefoil tend to invade grasslands, disturbed areas or roadsides. Through outreach and education, mapping and control, newly identified invasive weeds can be addressed at small infestation levels.

Our WMA's have been using many different methods to identify and control invasive vegetation. These include mapping on the ground, aerially in planes or helicopters, or using drones. Control methods include herbicide, biological control, deep disking, prescribed fire, and grazing with goats. Spraying has been accomplished using equipment such as ground rigs, helicopters, airplanes, airboats, and amphibious ATV's. Biological control insects have been released on leafy spurge, purple loosestrife, Canada thistle, spotted knapweed and common mullein. Many projects also include heavy equipment and hand equipment to control certain plants. This equipment has been used to clear fallen trees from the Republican River to improve water movement, and on the Niobrara River to remove an invasive species from a native woodland community. In cases where larger equipment cannot be used, projects resort to a more hands-on approach. For example, a project focused on an island in the Missouri River involved a group of people searching on foot to find 5 to 10 saltcedar plants and control them.

Thousands of acres of noxious and invasive weeds have been controlled. Members of the Nebraska legislature have been educated about the issues, and support funding the projects through the Governor's Riparian Task Force Funds. The Nebraska Environmental Trust, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Public Power Districts, Ducks Unlimited, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and many Nebraska Natural Resource Districts have joined in as partners. These partners have provided assistance through funds, equipment, technology, office space, and hands-on noxious and invasive weed control.

To date, over \$32 million of work has been done by WMA's across the state. Of that total, \$18 million comes from different grants, and the remainder is cash donations or in-kind services by WMA members. These funds aren't used just for on-the-ground work. Funds help to provide education and awareness to Nebraskans through brochures and pamphlets, as well as The Weed Watch. We hope that homeowners and landowners across the state have benefitted from 15 years of Weed Watch publications!

One thing I know for sure....noxious weed control is not a popular topic; however, it is a very important topic. Noxious weeds are detrimental to crop production, livestock, our wildlife, and native plants. Noxious weeds devalue land and reduce tax revenue. A small patch of noxious weeds can be controlled for a few dollars, whereas a few hundred acres infested by noxious weeds can cost several thousand dollars to control. Not only does it benefit your land, it is the law to control noxious weeds. The Nebraska Weed Control Association and the WMA's across Nebraska work hard to protect "The Good Life" by working together.

Dates to Remember

NACO Conference December 12-14 (NWCA meetings 12-13) Younes Conference Center, Kearney

5 Annual Reports Due to Nebraska Department of Ag, and NWCA Home Office January 31

NWCA Annual Conference February 11-13, 2019 Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City

NWCA Spring Training April 3-4, 2019 Ramada Inn, Kearney (New Supt. On April 2)

North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA)

By Todd Boller, Fillmore County Weed Superintendent, NAISMA Board Member

October 15th-18th was the NAISMA Annual Conference in Rochester, Minnesota. This Conference was combined with the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Council and turned into the largest Conference on Invasive Species in the world. There were 720 attendees, with seven concurrent sessions going on during the week. If you have never been to one of the conferences you really are missing out. There is no other conference where you have access to so many educational opportunities regarding invasive species.

NAISMA has made a few changes this past year. Two new plants were added to the Weed Free Forage and Gravel Standards. Yellow and Caucasian Blue Stems are now on the list of restricted plants in Forage and Gravel areas. Kansas is currently fighting this plant and asked that it be added to prevent the rest of the country from having the same problems. NAISMA added two new Board of Directors positions to help with expansion across the United States. We are also in the process of taking over the Education Campaign called Play Clean Go.

NAISMA is expanding across the United States. In the past most of our members were from the Western United States. We now have Board Members from Georgia and New York, and the next Conference will be held in Saratoga Springs, New York in conjunction with the New York Invasive Species Council conference. There will be tours of aquatic Invasive Species and terrestrial Invasive Plants around the Adirondack Mountains and the lakes in that area. Many of the speakers to help us to identify and understand the plants, and the best products and methods to control them. Please join us, you will come away with some things you can implement in your own counties. I encourage you to become a member of NAISMA if you are not currently. If you are a member, get involved with this great networking group. We are all in the fight against invasives so we need to communicate and work together. Please visit naisma.org to learn more!



Dan Wordekemper, Rob Schultz, Mike Reed, Brent Meyer, Rod Stolcpart and Todd Boller represented Nebraska at the NAWMA Conference in Minnesota.

2018 NACO CONFERENCE AGENDA NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

- 8:10 Roll Call
- 8:15 Update from Nebraska Game & Parks Commission-
- 8:45 Update from Natural Resources Conservation Service-
- 9:15 US Fish and Wildlife Service---Amy Coffman-
- 9:45 Platte River Recovery Implementation Program-Jason Farnsworth-
- 10:15 Break
- 11:00 Update from Nebraska Department of Transportation-

- 11:30 Lunch (provided)

- 12:45 Roll Call
- 12:50 Nebraska Invasive Species Council- Allison Zach- Coordinator
- 1:20 Nebraska Environmental Trust---Mark Brohman, Executive Director-
- 1:50 Exam
- 2:00-5:00 Opening Session (Attendance Required)

Thursday, December 13, 2018

- 8:25 Roll Call
- 8:30 NAISMA Update---Todd Boller- NAISMA Board member-y Update
- 9:45 Break
- 10:15 Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever---Kelsi Wehrman-
- 10:45 Legislative Update – Larry Dix, NACO Executive Director
- 11:15 National Park Service
- 9:00 Farm Service Agenc --- Carmen Thomson-

- 11:45 Lunch

- 1:10 Roll Call
- 1:15 Nebraska Association of Resource Districts---Dustin Wilcox-
- 1:45 USDA APHIS- Shayne Galford-
- 2:15 Nebraska Forest Service---Steven Jara-Deputy Director-
- 2:45 Exam