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Upcoming Meetings

Area meetings Oct. 26 - Minot, Oct 27 - Devils Lake, Oct 28 - Valley City, Oct 29 - Mandan, Oct 30 - Amidon (9:00 am local start time)

Annual Meeting January 5—7, 2016 (Mandan)

BOD Meeting January 5, 6:00 pm (Mandan)

NEWSLETTER

In order to cut costs with rising printing costs and higher postage prices, we asked for your email addresses to send you the newsletter via email. For those who have not yet signed up, we are asking you to send an email to ndwca@westriv.com and you will be put on the list. We realize that some of you want to continue with the paper letter, and you will continue to receive it if you so desire.

Also, as weed boards get new members, 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.

2015 NAISMA Conference, October 19 - 22 Vancouver, BC Contact Derrill for registration forms and more information.

Presidents Message

Greetings to everyone involved in the control of noxious and invasive weeds. Hopefully we will get decent weather to finish our projects before winter sets in and maybe next year we will get a normal summer (whatever normal is anymore).

The fall Area meetings are set for late October. Check the schedule on the web site and please plan on attending in your area. The State Association needs input and discussion from every weed board and agency personnel in order to stay strong and also for the Association to provide educational and communication opportunities so the person controlling the weeds in an area has the same knowledge as the person in the adjoining area.

The planning committee has been meeting for the organization of the Convention January 5-7 at the Baymont Inn Convention Center (used to be called Seven Seas). If you have any thoughts on what you would like to see at the Convention let one of the committee members know or bring your ideas to the area meetings.

I know operating funds might be an issue for some weed boards. Make sure you return your Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) back to the ND Department of Agriculture so they know you are accepting their money for your continued fight against noxious weeds. This money can be used in many different ways from repairing spray equipment to purchasing office equipment or to possibly help fund sending a person to a training or educational activity.

The Education Committee set up a train the trainer session on the use of 4-wheelers. This training was to educate individuals on the correct way to ride and handle a 4-wheeler. When this training was done that individual could train their own personnel on the correct use of the machines. If your county still uses 4-wheelers (this training did not include side-by-side machines) then it is a very worthwhile training to attend so we can continue to have a safe and productive spray season.

I know there are many weed officers and board members that are only seasonal or part time in their weed control areas. This is one of the major reasons why the association puts together a spray school or other training along with the annual meeting so everybody will have access to all of the studies or techniques that are released in the off season or are learned during the regular spray season. Please plan on attending the activities put together by the association for your continued education.

Please check out our website. You will find the members of the state board, the members of each weed board including weed officers and the contact information for each person. Good luck in your fall weed control effort,

Derrill Fick

2015 NDWC President

Waters of the US Rule

When listening to the news, reading about it in the paper, or listening to your favorite talk radio show, it can get confusing to try and figure out what the new Waters of the US rule will do, not only to you as farmers and ranchers, but to you as weed folks. A very good place to view what the rule will or will not do, is the NACO (National Association of Counties) website, naco.org. Type in waters of the us, and it will take you to the page that has all of the dates with the latest updates. If you click on the June 3rd line, you will find a list that the association compiled, listing terms, what they mean, and how they will affect us. It is a very good read. I hope that this will help clear things up for you, or confuse you more!

As many of you already know, on August 27, a federal judge in North Dakota put a temporary block to this new ruling. Hopefully, this gives both sides the proper time to get a workable rule in place, or through this new one out completely.

IARC's categorization of 2,4-D from NUFarms, Inc.

Information about IARC's categorization of 2,4-D

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) published findings from its recent meeting which included a review of 2,4-D. This note provides an update on IARC's findings. IARC has decided not to change its potential hazard classification of 2,4-D which remains in the same classification grouping as common consumer products such as aloe vera, coffee and pickled vegetables. These are classified by IARC as 'possibly carcinogenic to humans' (category 2B).

Despite the fact that IARC's classification of 2,4-D has not changed, there may be media coverage of the topic, and as a result you may have questions or encounter concerns from family, friends and customers. Therefore we think it is important that the IARC decision is put in context and that you have access to helpful information.

2,4-D is the most researched crop protection molecule in the world, with more than 70 years continuous research that has kept pace with increasingly stringent regulatory requirements and technical advancements. It meets all modern safety standards. In contrast to the IARC classification, none of the world's leading regulatory agencies have found 2,4-D to be carcinogenic. All agencies continue to find that 2,4-D does not represent a risk to human health when used in accordance with the label. It is important to note that in its reviews of substances IARC only considers a subset of the full range of the existing scientific research carried out on 2,4-D over the years, and focuses simply on the 'potential' for harm. It does not consider if a substance – such as 2,4-D – will actually cause harm when used in real world applications.

It means that IARC does not consider 'risk' or likelihood of harm to humans. It does not take into account dose or exposure of a product, or any risk management factors such as label rates and safety procedures, as part of the assessment process. IARC's conclusions are a theoretical hazard assessment, as opposed to a risk assessment which is undertaken by the independent regulatory agencies around the world where 2,4-D is used.

What does this mean for us? Our top priority continues to be your health and safety. We have rigorous procedures in place to protect our staff and users of our products. Our manufacturing and handling practices are constantly reviewed, including the assessment of any new scientific information, to ensure your wellbeing. We continue to be confident that 2,4-D remains safe to manufacture and use in accordance with our manufacturing safety procedures and product label directions. This confidence is based on more than 70 years continuous research and examination of the safety of 2,4-D by leading regulatory agencies around the world. You may find these information links to information useful in understanding the situation. You are encouraged to share them with any family, friends or customers who may wish to know more.

US 2,4-D Task Force

Website: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A_www.24d.reviews_&d=BOIGaQ&c=zgHsTqBQkGAdNuoPRxUzSQ&r=h_zLeCemevO6ryaTzad_mRcNaAgqGhv6oRXE_nD1_YGM&m=6fCCIPVdG8duEEpUguF2FWqnKK56MPCwtXUqWNf99FE&s=GEoAAyUeQRD2YpQ-V9m0HrVbmTb0yYsvIzzGPNIx9Pg&e=

YouTube series: www.youtube.com/user/24DTaskForce

(Thanks to Bill Walker for forwarding this to us to be published)

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

We are now officially in the interim season, legislatively speaking. There will be interim hearings over the winter and into next summer. Hopefully, not too many, as far as weed control is concerned. At our board of directors meeting, on September 22, one member mentioned an idea that a legislator told him concerning weed control. Thank goodness that idea never became a bill. If any of you hear any of your legislators throwing out an idea, whether it sounds really good, or on the flip side, really bad, feel free to contact me. You members are my ears out there. See you all at the area meetings in October.

Merlin Leithold, lobbyist

Area Meetings Set

All meetings begin at 9:00 local time and should conclude by 12:00 noon

Area III October 26 - NDSU Ext. Research Center, Minot

Area I October 27 - Ramsey County Courthouse, Devils Lake

Area II October 28 - Barnes County Hwy. Dept., Valley City

Area IV October 29 - Morton County Hwy. Dept., Mandan

Area V October 30 - Slope County Courthouse, Amidon

All counties will be asked to do a report of your counties activities. Please submit a copy to the secretary at the meeting, can be either written or typed. There will be representatives from industry giving their reports and also answering your questions. Also, the NDDA will be at the meetings giving a report and also answering your questions. This year, we will be accepting nominations for 2nd vice president. Eligible areas are Areas I, III, & V. All areas will be able to nominate someone for directors from Industry and Government. These will be elected at our annual meeting. Also, due to term limits, there will be new directors elected in Areas II & III. Area I will be electing a new 2nd alternate. We will be considering a small by law change. Area meetings are also a time to submit resolutions for the annual meeting.

These are your area meetings. It is your place to shine. Come, listen, learn, speak, ask questions, have refreshments and leave knowing more than when you came.

Education Committee Report

The education committee will be contacting the schools across the state to have their 5th and 6th grade students participate in the poster contest that gets voted on at the annual meeting in January.

UTV SAFETY TRAINING CLASSES -- Train the Trainers

Two classes were held this fall to train people to run safety classes for their personnel in UTV safety. This class was taught by Erik Dietrich of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. The first one was held in Barnes County on August 29th. There were six people in the class: five from the maintenance department of Barnes County and the Weed Officer from Cass County.

The second class was held at the Missouri Valley Fairgrounds and 4-H building in Bismarck on September 3rd. There were six people attending here as well: two from USDA APHIS, two from Cass County Vector Control, Weed officers from Ward County and Renville County.

These people will now be able to run safety training for their personnel in their area and departments.

Submitted by,

Dan Dew
Education Committee

If you have any articles for the November newsletter or have ideas how to make it better, let me know!

Remember to pay your dues, as it helps to pay for publishing this newsletter!

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S CORNER

I hope you all had an uneventful summer, and for you county folks, all of the roads are or will get sprayed before freeze up. I look forward to seeing all of you at the area meetings later here in October. Also, the planning committee has been busy for the upcoming conference in January at the Baymont in Mandan. This year it will be a little different as we plan on taking the whole group over to the Heritage Center in Bismarck, for a tour. We are still working out the details, will know more by the area meetings. Also, the NDWCA phone number is changing. The board decided to pay me a monthly stiffen, to use my personal cell phone. Verizon service coverage in my area is poor, AT&T is strong. So rather than switch carriers, and to save a little money, we will be making the switch the end of the year. My number is 701-527-6544. As some of you are aware, I have already been using my phone, because of the service around my area, so it makes some sense.

Did You know?

Weed control legislation for Canada Thistle was passed in 1795 in Vermont and 1831 in New York.

Dyer's Woad was cultivated as a source of blue dye.

Goats eat thistle leaves backwards to prevent them from sticking in their throats.

In 1690, Tobacco extracts were used as contact herbicide.

Socrates (condemned to death) was allowed to administer his own sentence by drinking a potion of Poison Hemlock.

A weed is a plant that is not only in the wrong place, but intends to stay.- Sara Stein

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

Doug Larson

Hoary Cress is capable of producing up to 455 shoots in one year.

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