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President's Report

Greetings fellow weed warriors.

Well, spring has finally come, a bit later than we hoped but here nevertheless. New life is all around us from newly seeded crops, young livestock, and wildlife. The other day I scared a goose off her nest of eggs as I was spraying an area. She was not appreciative of being disturbed and kept telling me so.

Hopefully all your equipment came out of storage and is ready for the season's battle with weeds. Congratulations to all of you who have taken advantage of the Ag Department's Technology Grant and updated your gps equipment. It is amazing how fast some equipment can become outdated along with the new features being introduced to make our reporting easier. Just look at the new cars and pickups with all the new gadgets and toys on them. Some of us old-timers may be a bit intimidated by new technology, but we can learn new tricks when we see the advantages.

There is a lot of interest in using drones for spraying. I have heard of several counties that are working with contractors to spray certain areas with drones. It will be very interesting to hear the reports at the area meetings as to how they worked and where they were used. Take before and after pictures if possible. As the old newspaper said, 'inquiring minds want to know.'

A big concern for weed officers is absentee landowners who don't keep their weeds under control. A lot of times the absentee landowner is a distant relative of the original owner and doesn't have any connection to the community. I have had several landowners ask who can conduct the needed weed control. As a service to the landowner, I provide a list of spray applicators that could do the work but state that this is by no means an endorsement of any contractor. This has helped in getting the needed work done.

Stay safe when you are out and about doing your work and enjoy the season.

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AREA 1

Heard from Towner Co. that they got their chemical and cost share letters have gone out. Asked Wells Co. if they found a Weed Control Officer and believe still looking.

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“ It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.”

“The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything.”

- Theodore Roosevelt

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AREA 5

Wow! It's hard to believe that after our long hard winter, Spray Season is Here! I see the weeds made it through the winter in good shape.

I hope everyone attended a Spring Sprayer School in their area. It's good information for new sprayers and old ones.

Please be on the look out for new weeds whether it's Palmer or Ventenata, or other noxious weeds that you don't see every day. As they say the easiest infestations to control are the small ones.

Biocontrol field days will be held this season so help if you can. Also remember the Northern Plains Weed Management Symposium held in August in Washburn. If you can make it, it's well worth the trip.

Please remember to think safety while spraying!

Happy Spraying Everyone!

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NDWCA INDUSTRY REPORT

All has been quiet and relatively quiet in the industry since my last report, not many changes from previously reported.

CORTEVA – Reminder on the Aminopyralid Products

Aminopyralid product labeling for sales of the hay after being treated with Aminopyralid products (Milestone Herbicide, DuraCor Herbicide, GrazonNext HL Herbicide, Chaparral Herbicide) has been updated on these products, the allowance for the sales of grass harvested for Hay off the farm is now in the current labels of these products as of April 4, 2023, new updated labels can be gotten off from www.cdms.net, we suggest that you go to the site and get the updated labels for your information and records as well. Now the supplemental label has become part of the regular label and is at the end of each label.

ENVU (formally Bayer) – Update on the TruRange Labeling

ENVU's work on registration of the **TruRange Herbicide** product – The tentative PRIA date is estimated currently at the 3rd quarter of 2023 and so far, they have not been informed of any changes to that date.

ENVU submitted a supplemental information packet to EPA for TruRange at the end of March 2023 and it appears what was submitted met EPA's need for follow up information.

The formal EPA review has not happened, but it is common for them to do the formal review shortly before the PRIA date, so they do not see that as a loss of momentum.

Feedback from experts in ENVU's regulatory division is favorable for a successful registration of TruRange, but as you know, in this space there can always be delays or last-minute disruptions, ENVU's current position is that they will receive a label in 2023.

BASF – After their January 2023 price increases on most of their products, pricing has been stable, Plateau Herbicide was one of the heavier hit for increases seeing about 15% increase.

NuFarm – E-2 Herbicide labeling issues **“Have Been Cleared Up With EPA”**, NuFarm will be producing E-2 Herbicide within the next few weeks and product should come available in early July, they are still waiting on some State registrations to clear but that should go rather quickly.

NICHINO America – Reminder on Venue Use and Rates

Venue Herbicide - Venue is being introduced for use on **Leafy Spurge**, use rates are from 3.5 ounces per acre rates on pasture and rangelands to 4 ounces per acre rates in non-crop sites

It needs to be coupled with a 2,4-D amine, ester or Freelexx at 1 quart per acre and MSO Surfactant at 1% by volume or 1 gallon per 100 gallons water or *Liberate Surfactant at 1 quart per 100 gallons water (studying at this time)

Studies are showing Leafy Spurge can be reduced/controlled after 3 consecutive yearly applications, can be used to water's edge, no grazing restrictions once spray has dried, minimal impact to grasses and trees, also works well on Field Bindweed, Russian Thistle, Kochia, and some others.

Late spring/early summer applications (yellow bract stages are best), very quick to show symptoms on the Leafy Spurge after applications, water's edge, tree belts, CRP acres, Wildlife areas, Roadsides, Non-crop sites

Venue Herbicide is packaged in 1-quart containers and is \$145.00 per quart.

Glyphosate products – are still seeing price reductions, only order what you need at the time as these are falling and are expected to continue on the down trend.

2,4-D Products – we are still seeing some slight price decreases in all types of 2,4-D amine and ester products, these are not dropping as fast as glyphosate pricing, again, order what is needed just to help in following any price decreases that might happen.

You will still want to make sure to let your distributors of your products, equipment, supplies and anything else, know in advance of your possible needs so they can be prepared as well to make sure they have what you might need when needed, there are still some spot shortages on certain items.

Respectfully Submitted

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SECRETARY REPORT

Welcome to summer. I guess we went from winter season to summer in a very quick time. For now, the state is green, grass and noxious weeds are growing. As a fellow county weed officer, I spray all the roads in my county, like most of you do. With the long winter, a lot of hay was hauled on our roads in North Dakota. We definitely will see new weeds for years to come.



With the early summer temps, we are seeing early emergence of Leafy spurge beetles and related biocontrol. Cass County has reported seeing Hawkmoths out doing their thing. I have seen the brown beetles have emerged, meaning the blacks are not far behind. I have actually set my field day for June 22nd, here in Grant County.

Your education committee has been working on having another symposium in Washburn. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

Your annual conference committee has been developing a list of speakers for January. Expect a different approach to how the topics will be presented to you, the attendees. Stay Tuned.

I have secured the entertainment for the banquet on Thursday evening, January 4th. See elsewhere in this newsletter for that announcement.

Enjoy the newsletter, and if you have an article that you would like to submit for the September newsletter, e mail it to me before the end of August.

Have a great summer!!

Merlin

EDUCATION REPORT

We had a booth at the Earth Day festival in Bismarck on April 18th. This booth lets us interact with local students and the general public to inform them of the importance of noxious weed control.

We had a great turnout at our sprayer schools this year. I want to thank everyone who attended. All totaled we had 126 people attend. The people attending are from weed boards and state and federal agencies that are tasked with noxious weed control. We are very happy that we have a continued interest in people wanting to learn about noxious weeds and the safe and correct way to identify and control them. These sprayer schools could not be possible without the speakers and presenters so I need to thank all of them for their expertise and willingness to speak at these schools. The locations where these sprayer schools were held were: the Carrington Research Center in Carrington, in Minot at the Ward County Weed Control Office and in Dickinson at the Stark County Weed Control office.

The Education Committee is organizing and going to hold the Northern Plains Symposium again this summer. It is designed for more hands-on interaction for people that are doing noxious weed control for their weed board, or other agency across the state. This will be held in Washburn, ND at the 4H camp on August 22-24. Registrations will be available soon so please plan on attending.

Again, thank you to everyone for attending and participating and I hope everyone has a safe and productive spray season!

Education Chairman Derrill Fick

GOVERNMENT REPORT

No Report Submitted for June Newsletter

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Noxious Weeds Update from North Dakota Department of Agriculture

Mapping Technology Grant:

This funding is available for all county/city weed boards to update their existing noxious weed mapping equipment. Currently, there are 21 counties who've been approved for the grant. Totaling \$222,855. The April 15th deadline will be pushed back for counties who may still be interested and didn't participate originally. If there are counties who haven't and would still like to participate in this grant, please let me know. This biennium's funding ends June 30, 2023. Additional funding for next biennium will continue for the Tech Grant. Units must be installed by June 30th.

LAP & TAG Update:

The 2022-2023 fiscal year deadline for LAP and TAG is June 30, 2023. Vouchers for reimbursement with purchases/cost sharing after June 30, 2023, cannot be reimbursed. LAP & TAG vouchers are to be submitted by July 7, 2023. Anything turned in after that date will not qualify for reimbursement. Please submit your vouchers as soon as you are able. Funding for the 2023-2025 biennium will be finalized early August.

USFS Funding:

If anyone has proposals they would like to submit, please let me know.

County Weed Board Visits:

Still ongoing and currently working on future summer visits.
If you are interested in me coming out, please let me know.

Invasive and Troublesome Weed Guidebooks/Pocket Guides:

Currently working on the new 5x8 books. These will replace both the big books and pocket guides. Should be available in the next month. I will let everyone know when they are available.

Law Books:

The North Dakota Noxious Weed Law & Regulations law books are available. If you are interested and want some, please contact me.

Weed Seed Free Forage (WSFF):

If you have any questions about this program and would like to participate, please contact myself for more information. Inspections are taking place already this year and we're hoping for more inspections/acres compared to last year.

If you have any questions on the topics above or noxious weeds, please contact Richard.

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Biological Control:

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As always, if you have any questions regarding biocontrol, feel free to contact John Mortenson.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Board of Director Meetings : June 27, 2023 @ 10:00 am CT @ Bismarck Hotel

Northern Plains Weed Symposium: August 22nd-24th 2023@ Washburn 4-H Camp

2024 Annual Conference January 2nd-5th 2024

Reminder to all Counties

When spraying ROW'S don't forget to contact adjacent landowners that some chemicals that you are spraying with have a residual. Ways to contact adjacent landowners can be by letter, phone calls, published ad in local paper or any other means of contact.



Richard says that if this is your sprayer you are eligible to use a Tag Grant to update it.



More 2023 Conference Pictures

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Mountrail County Weed Board

Cass County Weed Board

Ward County Weed Board

Grant County Weed Board

COMING TO A WEED CONFERENCE NEAR YOU IN
JANUARY 2024



SCOTUS decision in Sackett v. EPA clarifies states' authority and brings hope of regulatory certainty for farmers

<https://www.nasda.org/scotus-decision-in-sackett-v-epa-clarifies-states-authority-and-brings-hope-of-regulatory-certainty-for-farmers/>

Interesting ruling in our favor.

Supreme Court handed down their decision regarding WOTUS. (Waters Of The US) Tells the EPA and US Army Corps of Engineers to issue revised version of their prematurely released WOTUS rule.

Please take time to click the link above and read the decision on the decision regarding WOTUS.

The poster features a geometric logo on the left composed of several triangles in shades of grey, yellow, and blue. To the right of the logo is a photograph of a dandelion seed head with seeds blowing away. A large yellow triangle on the right side of the poster contains the text 'SAVE THE DATE' in white. The main title 'WEED MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM' is in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below the title, the dates 'AUGUST 22-24, 2023' are listed in bold yellow, followed by the location 'North Dakota 4-H Camp Washburn, ND' in a smaller black font. The schedule for each day is listed on the right, starting with 'TUESDAY, AUGUST 22' and ending with 'THURSDAY, AUGUST 24'. A section titled 'FACILITIES' in bold yellow lists three bullet points: 'BUNKHOUSE STYLE SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS', 'TRAILER CAMPING SPACES AVAILABLE, ADDITIONAL \$15.00', and 'SHOWERS'.

Northern Plains

**WEED
MANAGEMENT
SYMPOSIUM**

AUGUST 22-24, 2023

North Dakota 4-H Camp
Washburn, ND

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22
Start with lunch at noon then attend informative meetings during the afternoon concluding with a delicious supper and evening activities

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23
Start the day with a wonderful breakfast at 7:00 am, then attend classes throughout the day. After supper enjoy various evening activities.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24
Following breakfast, informative classes continue throughout the morning with the Symposium ending at noon.

FACILITIES

- BUNKHOUSE STYLE SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS
- TRAILER CAMPING SPACES AVAILABLE, ADDITIONAL \$15.00
- SHOWERS

NDWCA is going to be accepting Credit Cards. Stay tuned for more details.