

**Noxious Weed Control Plan**

(Due January 31 of each year)  
Revised November 2021

Nebraska Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Protection  
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For: DODGE County  
2022

For the year

**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 the 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 land 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. I start driving the roads early in the growing season, talking to land owners and tenants, listening to them and follows any and all leads concerning noxious weeds. I use the previous years inspection reports to guide me to any possible problem spots. All previous inspections get inspected in the new year.

Currently, how many open files reported by Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) to your Control Authority are considered open in your county? 2

(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.

Section\_\_27\_\_ Township \_\_19\_\_ Range\_\_8\_\_

Section\_\_26\_\_ Township \_\_19\_\_ Range \_\_8\_\_

The open files in my county both are on NDOR property. The NDOR is currently using a private contractor to control noxious weeds on their property. I have been in contact with the private contractor and he will spray the location in 2022. The private contractor that is mowing the NDOR ROW has mowed the 2 open file sites several times this past year (2022).

**COMMUNICATION**

How many times a year does the County Weed Control Superintendent and Control Authority Board meet? \_at least once per year\_\_\_\_\_

Is there a set schedule to meet with the Control Authority Board? YES \_\_\_X\_\_\_NO

If yes, explain.

If no, explain, I meet with the Board to present my Control Plan and then we only meet if there happens to be an issue arise.

What type and how many public awareness events do you plan to participate in the upcoming year? I try to make it to the Private Applicator training sessions held at our County Extension Office. I also try to attend any meetings held by the local coops and chemical / fertilizer dealers.

Outline the procedure that the control authority has adopted for the weed superintendent to follow when notifying landowners of uncontrolled noxious weed infestations. The first thing that I do is fill out an inspection report. Then I identify who the landowner is and also if a tennant is involved. Then I try to make contact with the land owner so I can inform them of their weed problem.

**PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT**

What would you like to see your county change to help make your job more efficient? Part-time help or my county making the Noxious Weed Control program a full time job.

What is working with your County's Noxious Weed Control Program? I talk to a lot of people who have weed control problems and treat them as equals.

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

**FUNDING**

Is your County Noxious Weed Program adequately funded to ensure that noxious weeds are controlled in a timely manner? (EXPLAIN) Yes the funding seems to be adequate

**NOXIOUS WEED ENFORCEMENT**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ 10 day      \_\_\_\_\_ 15 day      \_\_\_\_\_ Both

When a control authority finds it necessary to secure more prompt or definite control of noxious weeds on particular land than is accomplished by the previous procedure, 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 the control authority when issuing an individual notice. Fill out an inspection report, issue a 10-day notice, fill out an Individual Notice Disposition Report.

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. I will try one last time to talk to the landowner and attempt to shame them into controlling their weed problem.

Outline the procedure adopted by the control authority of how the noxious weeds will be controlled.

Once the 10-day notice has expired, depending on the situation, I will either spray it with the county sprayer, hire a contractor to spray it, or hire a contractor to mow it. Then I will send them a bill for controlling their weed problem, and file notice with the county Assessor of possible unpaid assessments. If unpaid for 2 months then I will certify to the county treasurer the amount of such expense so the county treasurer can file a lien on the property upon which the control measures were taken as a special assessment levied on the date of control.

### **NOXIOUS WEED INFESTATIONS INCREASED OR DECREASED**

Using actual data from the infestation report from the previous year and this year explain the results.

Musk thistle total acres infested (Previous Year) \_\_\_\_\_ 141 \_\_\_\_\_ (Current Year) \_\_\_\_\_ 294 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Canada thistle total acres infested (Previous Year) 143 (Current Year) 185

Leafy spurge total acres infested (Previous Year) 0 (Current Year) 2

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

Purple Loosestrife total acres infested (Previous Year) 79 (Current Year) 23

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

Phragmites total acres infested (Previous Year) 88 (Current Year) 36

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

Sericea lespedeza total acres infested (Previous Year) 2 (Current Year) 2

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 2023

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Date

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County Weed Superintendent

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Date

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Control Authority Chairperson

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# ACTIVITY REPORT

(DUE January 31 of each year.)

DODGE County, 2022

Month and year weed superintendent started in this position: Jan. 2007

For the preceding year, indicate the following:

1. Control authority employees:

- a. Number of weeks weed superintendent was employed full-time as a weed superintendent..... 52
- b. Number of part-time or seasonal personnel employed annually .....  
1
- c. Number of full-time personnel..... 0
- d. Percent of time weed superintendent spent on required noxious weed activities. .... 50%

2. County noxious weed budget:

- a. Actual total weed budget spent for the previous fiscal year..... \$41625
- b. Total weed budget most recently adopted and approved (*total requirements*)..... \$54800
- c. Tax dollars required for weed control for last fiscal year ..... \$33300

3. Public relations and education:

- a. Number of public education and informational meetings presented by the control authority ..... 2
- b. Number of noxious weed articles published based on information provided by the control authority ..... 3
- c. Number of radio interviews conducted by the control authority regarding noxious weeds ..... 0
- d. Number of informational letters or brochures distributed by the control authority regarding noxious weeds. .... 71
- e. Number of events that informational noxious weed displays were presented by the control authority..... 1

4. Number of inspections completed and documented with appropriate inspection reports (Spring) (Fall)

- |  |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| a. Annual noxious weed inspection .....    | <u>70</u> | <u>5</u>  |
| <u>32</u>                                  |           |           |
| b. Special noxious weed inspection.....    | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>  |
| <u>0</u>                                   |           |           |
| c. Complaint noxious weed inspection ..... | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>  |
| <u>0</u>                                   |           |           |
| d. Follow-up noxious weed inspection.....  | <u>70</u> | <u>32</u> |
| <u>32</u>                                  |           |           |
| e. Crop inspections.....                   | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>  |
| <u>2</u>                                   |           |           |
| f. Article inspections.....                | <u>0</u>  | <u>0</u>  |

5. Noxious weed notification and enforcement:

- a. Number of reports received concerning uncontrolled noxious weed infestations (includes landowner complaints and Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) reports) ..... 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Number of requests made to individuals or other entities to control noxious weeds (excluding official notices). ..... 6 \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Official 15-day notice results:**
- a. Number of 15-day notices issued. .... 0 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Number of 15-day notices which achieved acceptable compliance prior to notice expiration. .... 0 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Number of notices prosecuted. .... 0 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Dollar value of fine notices collected. .... 0 \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Number of 15-day notice disposition reports completed. .... 0 \_\_\_\_\_
7. **Official 10-day notice results:**
- a. Number of 10-day notices issued. .... 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Number of 10-day notices which achieved acceptable compliance prior to expiration. .... 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Number of parcels force controlled by the county. .... 0 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Number of parcels force controlled by contractors. .... 0 \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Total number of acres force controlled. .... 0 \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Total number of liens filed for nonpayment. .... 0 \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Total number of 10-day notice disposition reports completed. .... 2 \_\_\_\_\_
8. **Weed Superintendent Education and Training:**
- a. Number of regional Nebraska Weed Control Association (NWCA) meetings attended. .... 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Number of state NWCA meetings, workshops, or seminars attended. .... 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Number of university, state, or federal information or training sessions attended. .... 0 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Number of private industry training sessions attended. .... 0 \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Other (list number of sessions attended). .... 0 \_\_\_\_\_
9. **Number of meetings weed superintendent held or attended with (other than those listed above):**
- a. Control authority. .... 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. County attorney. .... 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. District NDA inspector. .... 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Railroad officials. .... 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Road departments. .... 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Municipalities. .... 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Federal officials. .... 0 \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Other or miscellaneous \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

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County Weed Superintendent Signature

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Date



Control Authority Chairperson/President Signature

Date

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## WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY BOARD ROSTER

(Due January 31st of each year.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Dodge \_\_\_\_\_ County, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE:** (1) Roster should reflect current or upcoming members only; and (2) Ex-officio or weed liaison commissioners or supervisors designated to receive correspondence in lieu of the chairperson should be indicated as such.

Section 2-953 of the Noxious Weed Control Act defines the control authority as the county weed district board, or the county board.

This control authority is:       County board       Weed board

Name	Mailing Address	City/State/Zip	Telephone <small>(including area code)</small>	Board Type*	Date Current Term Ends	Years of Service
Chairperson/President: Bob Missel	427 Birchwood	Fremont, Ne. 68025	402-317-7832	B	Jan. <del>2023</del> 2027	19
Vice Chairperson/Vice President: Lon Strand	2239 Co. Rd. E	Hooper, NE 68031	402-654-2455	B	Jan. <del>2023</del> 2027	16
Treasurer: Bob Bendig	1309 Stanford Ave	Fremont, Ne. 68025	402-727-4959	B	Jan. <del>2023</del> 2027	4
Secretary: Dan Weddle	2534 Missouri Ave.	Fremont, Ne. 68025	402-721-2651	B	Jan. 2025	10
Member: Doug Backens	740 E. 5th	Fremont, Ne. 68025	402-306 -3420	B	Jan. <del>2023</del> 2027	4
Member: Greg Beam	1150 N. Ridge Rd	Fremont, NE 68025	402-720-7944	B	Jan. 2025	13
Member: Pat Tawney	615 Shoreline Dr #51	North Bend, Ne 68649	402-719-1225	B	Jan. 2025	2
Superintendent: Larry Klahn	435 N. Park Ave.	Fremont, Ne. 68025	402-727-2718			16

\*Board types:    C = City representative, weed board  
                       R = Rural representative, weed board  
                       B = Board member, county commissioner/supervisor

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 County Weed Superintendent signature

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 Date

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 Control Authority Chairperson/President signature

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**BUDGET REPORT**  
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DODGE County, 2022

**Current Year Budget:**

Available Funds: 54800  
Expenses: 54800 (projected)

**Prior Year Actual:**

Revenues: 49153  
Expenses: 41625

**Superintendent Salary:** 30500

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County Weed Superintendent Signature

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Date

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Control Authority Chairperson/President Signature

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# NOXIOUS WEED INFESTATION REPORT DODGE COUNTY, 2022

	Musk Thistle	Plumless Thistle	Canada Thistle	Leafy Spurge	Spot/Diff Knapweed	Purple Loosestrife	Saltcedar	Phragmites	Knotweed	Sericea Lespedeza
<b>RAILROAD</b>										
None	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030
Trace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Light	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Acres	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030
<b>ROADS</b>										
None	7213	7213	7213	7213	7213	7213	7213	7213	7213	7211
Trace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Light	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Acres	7213	7213	7213	7213	7213	7213	7213	7213	7213	7213
<b>NON-AG</b>										
None	24469	24473	24464	24473	24473	24473	24473	24444	24473	24473
Trace	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0
Light	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Acres	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473
<b>PASTURE/RANGE/IDLE</b>										
None	17834	18119	17943	18089	18119	18096	18119	18113	18119	18119
Trace	124	0	57	30	0	0	0	5	0	0
Light	115	0	29	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Moderate	46	0	90	0	0	23	0	0	0	0
Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Acres	18119	18119	18119	18119	18119	18119	18119	18119	18119	18119
<b>CROPLAND</b>										
None	273951	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273955	273956	273956
Trace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Light	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Acres	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956
<b>COUNTY TOTALS</b>										
None	324497	324791	324606	324761	324791	324768	324791	324755	324791	324789
Trace	128	0	57	30	0	0	0	25	0	2
Light	120	0	38	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
Moderate	46	0	90	0	0	23	0	0	0	0
Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Acres	324791	324791	324791	324791	324791	324791	324791	324791	324791	324791
TOTAL	294	0	185	30	0	23	0	36	0	2

Noxious weed(s) petitioned by county: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Acres \_\_\_\_\_

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County Weed Superintendent signature

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Date

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Control Authority Chairperson/President signature

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Date

## NOXIOUS WEEDS MUST BE CONTROLLED

### You are required to control noxious weeds on your property.

The noxious weeds are: Musk Thistle, Plumeless Thistle, Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Knapweed (spotted and diffuse), Purple Loosestrife, Saltcedar, and Phragmites. Notice is hereby given this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, pursuant to the Noxious Weed Control Act, section 2-955, subsection 1(a), to every person who owns or controls land in \_\_\_\_\_ DODGE \_\_\_\_\_ County, Nebraska, that noxious weeds being grown, or growing on, such land shall be controlled at such frequency as to prevent establishment, provide eradication, or reduce further propagation or dissemination of such weeds.

Upon failure to observe this notice, the county weed superintendent is required to:

1. Proceed pursuant to the law and issue legal notice to the landowner of property infested with noxious weeds and giving such landowner 15 days to control the noxious weed infestation. Conviction for noncompliance may result in a \$100 per day fine to the landowner, with a maximum fine of \$1,500; or
2. Should more immediate control be required, proceed pursuant to the law and have the weeds controlled by such method as he/she finds necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land, and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means, as provided by law.

Also, the public is notified that noxious weed seed and propagative parts may be disseminated through the movement of machinery and equipment, trucks, grain and seed, hay, straw, nursery stock, fencing materials, sod, manure, and soil as well as articles of similar nature. Methods of treatment have been prescribed by the Director of Agriculture and may be obtained from the county weed control authority.

By Order of \_\_\_\_\_ DODGE \_\_\_\_\_ County Weed Control Authority.