

Agenda Item # 30a
Date 4/19/23

MEMO TO: County Weed Control Authority
FROM: Mitch Coffin, Program Manager
Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed Program
SUBJECT: Reports and Requirements

Please find the enclosed Reports and Requirements sheet. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) monitors and evaluates each County Weed Control Authority throughout the calendar year. The enclosed report is for the year 2022. This report uses a scoring system to evaluate if a county is meeting the requirements of the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act. The report is worth 3400 points which means a county has met the requirements set forth in the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act. If your county total score is less than 3400 points, then the county has deficiencies and steps need to be taken to correct.

The report is broken down into four sections: inspections, office evaluation, county reports and continuing education.

- Inspections consist of Survey Results and County Follow-up. NDA employees physically inspect survey sections that are randomly generated. These surveys are looking for the existence or non-existence of state designated noxious weeds. If uncontrolled noxious weeds are found those results are reported to the county.
- Follow-up inspections will continue to be conducted, by NDA inspectors, on known infestations. The score reflects the control or lack thereof.
- Office Evaluation.
NDA staff inspect and review all paperwork and actions as outlined in the Noxious Weed Control Act.
- County Reports,
This is the five required annual reports that your county submits each year on or before January 31.
- Continuing Education,
County Weed Control Superintendents are required to attend a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education each year. These hours are obtained by attending training provided by the Nebraska Weed Control Association.

Please take time to discuss this report with the Control Authority Board and County Weed Control Superintendent during a regular meeting. If you would like to discuss further with your NDA inspector their contact information is on the summary page.

Reports and Requirements Summary

Dodge County

Survey Results: No uncontrolled noxious weeds were found in 2022

County Follow-up: 2 noxious weed files remain open

Office Evaluation: Everything checked out good

County Reports,

Roster: No deficiencies

Budget: No deficiencies

Activity: Deficiencies found

Infestation: No deficiencies

Control Plan: Deficiencies found

Continuing Education: The required 20 hours of continuing education was met for 2022

Return a dated and signed copy of this summary to the address or email below.

Reviewed during a regular County Weed Control Authority Board meeting.

Date: 4/19/23

Chairperson: _____

Weed Superintendent: _____

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REPORTS AND REQUIREMENTS

County: Dodge

Year: 2022

	Score	Subtotal	Possible
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INSPECTIONS			
Survey results	500		500
County followup	500		500
		1000	1000
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OFFICE EVALUATION		1000	1000
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COUNTY REPORTS	Timeliness	Factor	
Roster	100	1.00000	100
Budget	50	1.00000	50
Activity	200	.95000	190
Infestation	250	1.00000	250
Control plan	400	.95000	380
		970	1000
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CONTINUING EDUCATION		400	400
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TOTAL SCORE FOR YEAR:		3370	3400

County Noxious Weed Program Evaluation

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Animal & Plant Health Protection
P.O. Box 94756 Lincoln, NE 68509
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

For County: * District: * Evaluation Date: *
DODGE 3 10/25/2022

ID #* Inspector
514

Weed superintendent name: * Weed superintendent address: *
Larry Klahn Po Box 236

Control authority chairperson name: Control authority chairperson address:

Instructions to evaluator: Maximum points should be given for all criteria met by the control authority that is substantiated by inspections. Total points available = 1,000

NDA Certification - 200 points maximum

i. County weed superintendent is certified by NDA as a commercial applicator (100)

Card Number * Expiration Date *
NEB 08329 04/15/2023

a. Agriculture pest control plan (50)

b. Right-of-way pest control (50)

SUBTOTAL
200

Noxious Weed Inspections & Inspection Reports - 300 points maximum

- 2. The county is annually inspected with substantiating records kept of noxious weed infestations (50)
- 3. All reported noxious weed violations are investigated and documented with inspection reports (50)
 - 4. Uncontrolled noxious weed infestations are:
 - a. Documented with inspection reports (35)
 - b. Reported to the landowner or controller with appropriate notification requiring control measures (35)
 - c. Reinspected following notification of required control measures and documented with an inspection report (35)
 - d. For the most part, being brought under control (35)
- 5. All inspection reports:
 - a. Contain the following information:
 - (1) Location (county, township, range, and section) (5)
 - (2) Date of inspection (5)
 - (3) Purpose of inspection (if none, so state) (5)
 - (4) Weed names (if none, so state) (5)
 - (5) Signature of inspector (5)
 - (6) Landowner name (and tenant, known) (5)
 - (7) Number of acres inspected (5)
 - (8) Number of acres infested (5)
 - (9) Severity of infestation (5)
 - (10) Type of land (5)
 - b. Are retained in a record file for at least three years (10)

SUBTOTAL
300

Individual Notices and Noxious Weed Enforcement – 300 points maximum

6. Individual notices:

- a. Issued promptly as needed (35)
- b. Supported by an initial inspection report (35)
- c. Supported by a follow-up inspection report (35)

d. Completed with name of owner of record, names of noxious weeds requiring control, & specific inst. for control (35)

7. A disposition report is completed for each individual notice issued (50)

8. When force control work is done:

a. The landowner is advised of the control costs incurred following such work (20)

b. Unpaid control work filed as assesment against property & with county register of deeds (20)

c. Weed assessments unpaid after two months are certified to county treasurer, making expense lien on property (20)

9. The county attorney is notified and provided with all supporting documentation when a 15-day notice is sent (50)

SUBTOTAL
300

General Notice – 100 points maximum

10. General notices were for the preceding year:

- a. Published prior to May 1 (20)
- b. Published between August 1 and October 1 (20)
- c. Published in a size at least four inches by six inches or 24 square inches (20)
- d. Published, using the format provided as a minimum standard (20)
- e. Available for inspection within 15 days of publication (20)

SUBTOTAL
100

Miscellaneous - 100 points maximum



11. All books, papers, files, records, and reports dealing with noxious weeds are available for inspection (50)

12. When requested, the county weed superintendent:

a. Provides article inspection services (25)

b. Provides noxious weed control information (25)

SUBTOTAL

100

TOTAL SCORE

1000