



MEMO TO: County Weed Control Authority

FROM: Trevor Johnson, 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 2023. 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 or have them present during your presentation to the board, their contact information is on the summary page.

# metl sbnegA  
Date

**Reports and Requirements Summary**

Dodge County

**Survey Results:** NO DEFICIENCIES  
**County Follow-up:** OPEN FILE AT THE END OF 2023

**Office Evaluation:** NO DEFICIENCIES

**County Reports,**

- Roster:** NO DEFICIENCIES
- Budget:** NO DEFICIENCIES
- Activity:** NO DEFICIENCIES
- Infestation:** NO DEFICIENCIES
- Control Plan:** NO DEFICIENCIES

**Continuing Education:** NO DEFICIENCIES

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Weed Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Nick Wordekemper

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Noxious Weed Program  
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REPORTS AND REQUIREMENTS

County: Dodge

Year: 2023

	Score	Subtotal	Possible
INSPECTIONS	500		500
Survey results	425		500
County followup		925	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	1.00000	200
Infestation	250	1.00000	250
Control plan	400	1.00000	400
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CONTINUING EDUCATION		400	400
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TOTAL SCORE FOR YEAR:		<u>3325</u>	<u>3400</u>

County Noxious Weed Program Evaluation

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For County: \*      District: \*      Evaluation Date: \*  
DODGE              3              11/30/2023

ID #\*      Inspector  
374      NICHOLAS WORDEKEMPER

Weed superintendent name: \*      Weed superintendent address: \*  
Larry Klahn                      weeds@dodgecountyne.gov

Control authority chairperson name:      Control authority chairperson address:  
Bob Missel                      427 Birchwood Fremont NE 68025

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

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

Card Number \*      Expiration Date \*  
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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

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# WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY BOARD ROSTER

(Due January 31st of each year.)

Dodge County, 2023

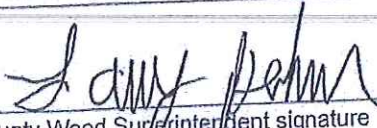
NOTE: (1) Roster should reflect current or upcoming members only; and (2) Ex-officio or weed liaison commissioners or supervisors designated to receive correspondence in lieu of the chairperson should be indicated as such.

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

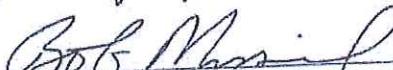
This control authority is:  County board  Weed board

Name	Mailing Address	City/State/Zip	Telephone (including area code)	Board Type*	Date Current Term Ends	Years of Service
Chairperson/President: Bob Hissel	427 Birchwood	Fremont, Ne. 68025	402-317-7832	B	Jan. 2023	20
Vice Chairperson/Vice President: Ron Strand	2239 Co. Rd. E	Hooper, NE 68031	402-654-2455	B	Jan. 2023	17
Treasurer: Bob Bendig	1309 Stanford Ave	Fremont, Ne. 68025	402-727-4959	B	Jan. 2023	5
Secretary: Dan Weddle	2534 Missouri Ave.	Fremont, Ne. 68025	402-721-2651	B	Jan. 2025	11
Member: Doug Backens	1820 N. Nye Ave.	Fremont, Ne. 68025	402-306-3420	B	Jan. 2023	5
Member: Greg Beam	1150 N. Ridge Rd	Fremont, NE 68025	402-720-7944	B	Jan. 2025	14
Member: Pat Tawney	615 Shoreline Dr #51	North Bend, Ne 68649	402-719-1225	B	Jan. 2025	3
Superintendent: Larry Klahn	435 N. Park Ave.	Fremont, Ne. 68025	402-727-2718			17

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

  
County Weed Superintendent signature

1-24-24  
Date

  
Control Authority Chairperson/President signature

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**BUDGET REPORT**  
(DUE January 31 of each year)

DODGE County, 2023

**Current Year Budget:**

Available Funds: 54400  
Expenses: 54400 (projected)

**Prior Year Actual:**

Revenues: 54800  
Expenses: 40733

Superintendent Salary: 31500

*Janey Rahn*  
County Weed Superintendent Signature

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Date

*Bob Merrill*  
Control Authority Chairperson/President Signature

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Date

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# ACTIVITY REPORT

(DUE January 31 of each year.)

DODGE County, 2023

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..... \$40733
- b. Total weed budget most recently adopted and approved (total requirements)..... \$54400
- 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>32</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>9</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>32</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>27</u>
e. Crop inspections..... <u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</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) ..... 5
- b. Number of requests made to individuals or other entities to control noxious weeds (excluding official notices), ..... 0
- 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 ..... 2
  - d. Railroad officials ..... 1
  - e. Road departments ..... 4
  - f. Municipalities ..... 3
  - g. Federal officials ..... 0
  - h. Other or miscellaneous ..... 0

*[Signature]*  
 County Weed Superintendent Signature

*[Signature]*  
 Control Authority Chairperson/President Signature

Date 1-24-24

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## 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.



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**NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL PLAN**  
(DUE January 31 of each year)

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LINCOLN, NE 68509-4756  
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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 their 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 lands 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 follow any and all leads concerning Noxious weeds. All of the previous years inspections get inspected in the new year.

Currently, how many infestations are reported by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) as open files in this 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 26 Township 19 Range 8

Section 27 Township 19 Range 8

COMMUNICATION

How many times each year does the County Weed Control Superintendent meet with the Control Authority Board? at least once per year

Is there a set schedule to meet with the Control Authority Board? YES/NO

If yes, explain.

If no, explain.

I meet with the Board to present my control plan and then only meet if a problem or issue were to arise.

What type and how many public awareness events do you plan to participate in the upcoming year?

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 local coops and chemical/fertilizer dealers.

**PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT**

What would you like to see change to help make your job more efficient and improve your county noxious weed program?

**(Equipment, technology, tools, etc.)**

Part-time help or my County making the Noxious Weed Program a full-time job.

What is the one thing that makes your program stand out?

I talk to a lot of people with 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)

Yes ... for the most part

Is the County Weed Control Superintendent a full-time or part-time employee?

Full-time \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time x \_\_\_\_\_

**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 general published notice, 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 your county noxious weed control authority when issuing an individual notice. 1. fill out an inspection report 2. issue a 10-day notice 3. fill out an Individual Notice Disposition Report

**NOXIOUS WEED INFESTATIONS INCREASED OR DECREASED**

List the number of infested acres using previous year and current year infestations Report.

Musk thistle total acres infested	(Previous Year) <u>294</u>	(Current Year) <u>200</u>
Plumeless thistle total acres infested	(Previous Year) <u>0</u>	(Current Year) <u>0</u>
Canada thistle total acres infested	(Previous Year) <u>185</u>	(Current Year) <u>348</u>
Leafy spurge total acres infested	(Previous Year) <u>2</u>	(Current Year) <u>0</u>
Knapweed (Spotted & Diffuse) total acres infested	(Previous Year) <u>0</u>	(Current Year) <u>0</u>
Purple Loosestrife total acres infested	(Previous Year) <u>23</u>	(Current Year) <u>23</u>
Saltcedar total acres infested	(Previous Year) <u>0</u>	(Current Year) <u>0</u>
Phragmites total acres infested	(Previous Year) <u>36</u>	(Current Year) <u>33</u>
Knotweed total acres infested	(Previous Year) <u>0</u>	(Current Year) <u>0</u>
Sericea lespedeza total acres infested	(Previous Year) <u>2</u>	(Current Year) <u>2</u>

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

Dated January 24 2024

*Jerry Klein*

County Weed Superintendent

1-24-24  
Date

*Bob Messing*

Control Authority Chairperson

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# NOXIOUS WEED INFESTATION REPORT DODGE COUNTY, 2023

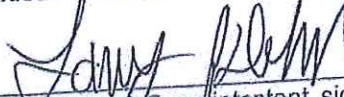
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	Musk Thistle	Plumless Thistle	Canada Thistle	Leafy Spurge	Spot/Diff Knapweed	Purple Loosestrife	Saltcedar	Phragmites	Knotweed	Sericea Lespedeza
<b>ROAD</b>										
None	1028	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030
Trace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Light	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1030	1030	1030
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	24472	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473
Trace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Light	1	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	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473	24473
<b>PASTURE/RANGE/IDLE</b>										
None	17922	18119	17771	18119	18119	18119	18119	18086	18119	18119
Trace	63	0	166	0	0	0	0	33	0	0
Light	88	0	182	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moderate	46	0	0	0	0	0	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	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956
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	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956	273956
<b>COUNTY TOTALS</b>										
None	324591	324791	324443	324791	324791	324791	324791	324758	324791	324789
Trace	63	0	166	0	0	0	0	33	0	2
Light	91	0	182	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moderate	46	0	0	0	0	0	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
<b>TOTAL</b>	200	0	348	0	0	0	0	33	0	2

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

  
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