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Outdoor Expo- Huron South Dakota- June 2011



Department of Ag personnel spent one weekend meeting with the public in Huron to share information and ideas. Thanks Brenda for the pictures.

Farm Show Schedule

The Weed Fighters will once again be out and about. The Association will have a booth in the Varied Industry Tent at Dakota Fest on August 16-18. Booth 3310, same place as last year. We will be giving away a hand held GPS Unit this year. Be sure to stop in and see us. Mike Moechnig and Darrell Deneke will also have a booth for your identification questions and control options. We will also be helping with a booth at the Brown County Fair the 15-20. Then we will be back at the State Fair Sept 1-5 in the Expo Building.



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Noxious Weed Reporting System Now Available in 11 Western States

Spring has finally arrived and many of us are once again heading back into the fields and rangelands, onto the rivers, and into the backcountry for work and for play. As our surroundings are greening up, we must remember that not all plant species are native to our region; some are noxious weed invaders that restrict access to irrigation, degrade wildlife habitat, reduce water quality and quantity, and decrease productivity of croplands and grazing lands.

Early detection of new invasive plant infestations and rapid, coordinated responses are needed to eradicate or contain invasions before they become too widespread and control becomes technically and financially impossible. Early detection and rapid response (EDRR) programs are based on two simple concepts: (1) even the best prevention efforts cannot stop all invasive plant introductions; and (2) quick action to control an invasive plant infestation before it becomes widespread will greatly reduce control costs and damage to surrounding natural resources.

Entering and tracking locations of invasives within and between states can identify the “leading edge” of invasive plants heading our way. This knowledge allows land managers and agencies to prioritize control needs and management strategies while populations are still small. Each new sighting of an invader is crucial information that should be shared as quickly as possible with your local county weed district, state department of agriculture, university Extension agent, or federal agency field office.

An even easier way to report noxious weed sightings is using the web-based, Missouri River Watershed Coalition-Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System (MRWC-EDDMapS). Developed by the Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health at the University of Georgia (aka Bugwood) and launched in September 2010, the MRWC-EDDMapS is fast, easy to use, and is freely available to anyone in the headwater states of Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. The system allows for reporting of new sightings of select invasive species, automatically alerts state weed coordinators of those reports, automatically alerts EDDMapS users of verified reports, and generates distribution maps for reported species. Now, thanks to additional support from the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund and the US Forest Service, State and Private Forestry Program, this system has been expanded to five additional western states: Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

It is going to take all of us – land owners, land managers, recreationists, and concerned citizens – working together and sharing information as quickly as possible, to keep ahead of new weed invaders.

We encourage everyone to sign up and use this simple EDDMapS tool to report sighting of new plant invaders; all you have to do is click on this link: <http://www.eddmaps.org/mrwc>. For more information

about the MRWC, please visit our website at: <http://www.weedcenter.org/mrwc/index>.

Fall Commission Meeting and Tour

The fall commission meeting is scheduled for Sept 13-15 with the tour on the 14th. The meeting will be at the Holiday Inn Express in Sturgis starting at 1:00PM on the 13th. The tour will leave from the Holiday Inn Express at 8:00AM. The meeting may continue on the 15th if needed. This meeting will set the criteria for grants for 2012.

Calendar of Activities

August

1. Exhibit at County Fair and Achievement Days.
2. Stress using closed or covered trucks, trailers or wagons for moving grains.
3. Work with weed and pest entries at county achievement days.
4. Promotional campaign encouraging fall noxious weed control.
5. Make annual inspections/inventory of weed and pest infestations.
6. Begin fall prairie dog control programs.
7. Complete grasshopper adult surveys.

September

1. Initiate fall noxious weed control programs.
2. Retreat roadsides for control of noxious weed regrowth.
3. Third treatment of demonstration plots, if necessary.
4. Fall tour of demonstration plots.
5. Visit schools to talk about weed and pest control.
6. Stress use of clean seed.
7. Complete annual inspection/inventory of weed and pest infestations.
8. Initiate fall pocket gopher control program.
9. Continue fall prairie dog control program.
10. Remove and inspect gypsy moth traps.
11. Begin inspection for mountain pine beetle infestations.

October

1. Complete fall weed control program.
2. Follow-up with non-cooperators to achieve fall treatment.
3. Stress use of clean seed.
4. Speak to interested groups explaining your work.
5. Update weed and pest maps.
6. Update file on non-cooperators.
7. Complete and distribute annual inspection report.
8. Complete fall pocket gopher and prairie dog control programs.
9. Continue inspection for mountain pine beetle infestations.

District meetings

District 4	November 2	Rapid City
District 3	November 3	Fort Pierre
District 2	November 4	Mitchell
District 1	November 9	Deuel County

