



Donovan Carpenter,
President

Weed and Pest Conference

Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center
Rapid City, South Dakota
February 19 & 20, 2015



Supervisor's Training
(required for all Supervisor's or their rep)
Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Registration fee.....\$30.00
Fee includes training sessions, noon meal & breaks

Weed & Pest Conference Registration Information

(required for 2 county reps)

Thursday, February 19 & Friday, February 20, 2015

Registration fee: (Thurs. & Fri.).....\$95.00
Additional Awards Banquet tickets (Thurs. Eve).....\$25.00
Registration: (Thursday only)..... \$80.00
Registration: (Friday only) \$30.00

**Registrations received after January 31, 2015
will be \$20 more.**

Registrations must be postmarked by Feb.7.

Registrations at the door will include programming and breaks.

Registrations, at the door: **NO MEALS** Thurs. - \$40.00
Friday - \$25.00

Registration package includes:

All programming

Thursday: Breakfast, Noon meal, Awards banquet & breaks

Friday: Breakfast, & breaks

Hospitality Room: Tues., Wed. & Thurs. nights
In Executive Lounge

Rapid City Lodging

Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center

Headquarters of the Weed & Pest Conference

Call 605-343-8550 for reservations

www.ramkota.com

Conference rates are: \$83.00 single/\$93 double +tax
by Jan. 18, 2015

OTHER LODGING

Fair Value Inn	342-8118
Foothills Inn	348-5640
Quality Inn	342-3322
Grand Gateway Hotel	342-1300
Econolodge	342-6400
Country Inn & Suites	394-0017
Super 8 Motel	348-8070

Please visit www.visitrapidcity.com for additional lodging options.

All registrations received by Jan. 24, 2015 will be entered in a drawing for a free registration for the 2016 Weed & Pest Conference.

Promotion Items Available

Save shipping - mail, fax or call your orders in before the conference. The trailer will **not** be in Rapid City, so all order must be received early. They'll be ready for pick up any evening of the conference. Call Gary: 605-883-4922, cell: 605-354-1989, Fax: 605-883-4922

Mail: 19987 Homestead Lane, Wolsey, SD 57384

NOMINATIONS

Nominations are needed for "Outstanding Weed & Pest Board Member", "Supervisor", "Educator", and "Contributor". The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31. Send resumes to: Ron Moehring, Dept. of Ag, 523 E. Capitol, Foss Bldg., Pierre, SD 57501

COMMISSION NOTE

The SDDA and the SD Weed and Pest Commission are once again recognizing county board members with extended years of service. They will recognize members with 5 year multiples of service. Send your names to Brenda Sievers at Brenda.Sievers@state.sd.us or SD Department of Agriculture, % Brenda Sievers, Wells Fargo Bank, 405 Dakota Ave S, Huron SD 57350. Please send the information no later than February 2, 2015.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

A \$1000 scholarship is available to second year students in agronomy and entomology in all South Dakota schools that offer these degrees. Applications should be available from your school or on our web site www.sdweedandpest.org or by calling Gary Pribyl at 883-4922 or 354-1989. applications need to be returned by April 20, 2012.

SIoux FALLS FARM SHOW

Department of Ag personnel, supervisors and weed board staff will be at the Dakota Dome on January 28-30 to share information and answer your questions on weed and pest issues. Be sure, if you are in the area, to stop in and say "hi", and register to win a Hand Held Garmin GPS unit.

WATERTOWN WINTER SHOW

Bring your questions and problems with you as you attend the Watertown Winter Show February 10-14. Be sure to stop-in and register for the Garmin GPS unit being given away. Show hours are 10AM to 5PM at the Armory and Extension Center. Weed and Pest control personnel will be on hand to field your questions.

Calendar of Activities

JANUARY

- Complete and submit annual report.
- Begin planning the annual and educational meetings.
- Stress use of clean seed.
- Purchase chemicals and equipment.
- Update records, files and maps.
- Contact landowner/operators who have noxious weed and declared pest problems.
- Attend re-certification training.
- Program planning and organizational work.
- Submit requests for local noxious weed and declared pest designations.
- Review projected grasshopper infestation levels.
- Continue treatment of mountain pine beetle infestations.

FEBRUARY

- Finalize plans and hold educational and annual meetings.
- Contact landowner/operators who have noxious weed and declared pest problems.
- Stress use of clean seed.
- Meet with interested groups.
- Meeting of the county weed and pest board, community representatives, and county agricultural agent to develop the county noxious weed and declared pest program for the year.
- Organize and hold meetings to structure cooperative programs for noxious weed, declared pest and grasshopper control.

MARCH

- Hold the annual meeting by the third Tuesday in March.
- Repair equipment.
- Plan demonstration and test plots and tours.
- Send names of newly elected/appointed weed and pest board members to the State Coordinator.
- Meet with interested groups.
- Stress use of clean seed.
- Organize and hold meetings to structure cooperative programs for noxious weed, declared pest and grasshopper control.
- Continue treatment of mountain pine beetle infestations.
- Publish notice of intent to inspect in the county's official newspaper(s) prior to April 1.

Registration Form

Please detach and return with payment by February 10, 2015.

Make check payable and send to:

Weed & Pest Conference
C/o Gary Pribyl
19987 Homestead Lane
Wolsey, SD 57384-8425

___ # of Registrations Supervisors Training (Wednesday) @ \$30.00 \$ _____
(breaks & noon meal included)

___ # of Registrations Conference @ \$95.00 (Thursday and Friday) \$ _____
(2 breakfasts, all breaks, 1 noon meals & awards banquet included)

___ # of Registrations @ \$80.00 (Thursday) \$ _____
(breakfast, breaks, noon meal & awards banquet included)

___ # of Registrations @ \$30.00 (Friday) \$ _____
(breakfast, 1 break included)

___ # of extra Banquet tickets @\$25.00 \$ _____

Add \$20.00 for each registration after Jan 31, 2015 \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Payment must be enclosed.

Please include the following information for each person included with this form. Print carefully as name tags will be prepared from this information.

Name _____

Title _____

County/Agency _____

Copy as needed

BLACK HILLS STOCK SHOW

The Association has once again retained a booth at the Stock Show to reach our western neighbors. You are encouraged to stop in and visit about your weed control problems. Be sure to register for the Hand held Garmin GPS to be given away. Weed Board members, supervisors and Department of Agriculture people will be manning the booth. If they do not have an answer to your problem, they will know where to find the answer to your questions. We will be on the second floor at booth C-23, in the hallway.

SILENT AUCTION

All counties and interested individuals are invited to bring items for a silent auction to fund our scholarship program. A display will be set-up in the exhibit room for all items. Bids will be accepted until Thursday evening before supper. Items can be settled for after the banquet or Friday morning

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I hope that all have had a great holiday season and that everyone is doing well. As we look ahead to the coming year lets remember the good things from last year and the changes we want to make for the coming year. One of the changes that is possible for the coming year is the joining of the Association of County Weed and Pest Boards, The Supervisors Association, and SISMA. We have sent out the possible by-law changes that we will have to be voted upon at conference, please look them over and if you have questions please let us know and we will address them. Remember to keep an open mind when looking at the proposed changes and know that our goal was to improve weed control for the State of South Dakota. I look forward to seeing you at this years Conference.

Donovan Carpenter