

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo
Monday, September 14, 2020

The September 14 meeting of the Cass County Weed Board has been canceled due to lack of business. The next scheduled meeting of the Weed Board is to be held on October 12, 2020

For information on any of the agenda items or the need for special accommodations contact: Stan Wolf, 701-298-2388, wolfs@casscountynd.gov

Weed Control Progress Report

September 8, 2020

Period from August 10 to Sept 7, 2020

submitted by Stan Wolf

New Business: No new business

Monthly Report:

Contractor right-of-way spraying: Walker's Lawncare has continued to spray when conditions were favorable. J&J Spraying will be starting to spray the week of September 7, starting on state and county roads. To date, 2847 acres have been sprayed totaling \$111,309. Remaining contractor spraying budget is \$228,691 which should cover approximately 6000 acres.

Weed Control Order: A formal complaint regarding noxious weeds in a residential yard at 208 Argus Ave., Page has been received and investigated. A large patch of Canada thistle was found in the back yard of the property. A Notice of Infestation was sent to the owner on June 12, 2020 followed with a Control Order on July 17, 2020 to be delivered via Cass County Sheriff's Office. The weeds were to be controlled by July 27, 2020. No contact by the Sheriff's Office was made. The Control Order was resent via return receipt certified letter on August 7, 2020, with control to be completed by August 17, 2020. On August 20, 2020, an Enforcement Order was mailed via return receipt certified letter with control to be completed by August 26, 2020. No return receipt of either certified letter was received. On August 27, 2020 it was deemed that no control effort by the owner was undertaken. The Cass County Sheriff's Office assisted by providing two deputies to assure that no one or animal was present on the property, Cass County Weed Control applied MecAmine-D, a labeled lawn herbicide, was applied to the Canada thistle infestation. An invoice in the amount of \$180.00 was sent to the owner. If not paid by November 1, 2020, that amount will be applied to the property taxes as per N.D.C.C. 4.1-47.

Spray complaint: A possible spray complaint damaging a portion of a soybean field was received on August 27. The producer is not looking for damages but wanted to inform Weed Control of the affected area and to remind the sprayer operators to be careful.

A contractor had sprayed the road ditch in that area on July 11, 2020. A NDSU Weed Specialist looked at the affected area and thought that soybean cyst nematoid could be causing the soybean to die back, not herbicide drift.

Canada thistle stem mining weevils: One shipment of ten releases of Canada thistle stem mining weevils were received on September 3 and distributed in five locations in the county. We are expecting an additional ten releases this week and will be released as soon as they arrive.

Notice for Weed Cutting: The annual notice for cutting weeds and grass on county and township roads has been posted by the County Commission.

NDSU Noxious Weed Specialist search: On August 17 & 18, a candidate for the NDSU Noxious Weed Specialist position came to NDSU to view the campus and facilities. ON August 18, I picked up the candidate and we meet with several NDWCA board members at the Barnes Co Weed Control office. The candidate seemed very interested in coming to North Dakota and working with the Association members.

Ongoing activities:

Scouting for Canada thistle sites for CT stem mining weevils.
Scouting for Spotted hemlock sites.
Sending out notices of infestation letters to property owners.

Upcoming Events: