

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo
Monday, July 7, 2023

The July 10, 2023 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 Monday August 14, 2023.

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

July 7, 2023

Period from June 10 to July 7, 2023

submitted by Stan Wolf

Monthly Report:

Budget Hearing: The County Commission will be holding its budget hearings from July 26 to 27. Weed Control is scheduled to present its budget on Wednesday July 26 at 8:45 am.

Leafy spurge flea beetle collections: Weed Control staff have collected Leafy spurge flea beetles and made distributions to numerous landowners and made a couple of distributions on railroad rights-of-way. Over 21,000 flea beetles have been collected and distributed.

Weed Spraying: It has been interesting looking for Leafy spurge in the road ditches where we have been spraying for several years. Leafy spurge has been delayed in growing up above the grass canopy. This has been noticed by several other weed officers across the state. Leafy spurge that has not been sprayed was up and flowering in late May and early June. Quite a contrast.

Walker's Lawncare has started spraying county roads rights-of-way. To date 523 acers have been sprayed at a cost of \$12,931. J&J Spraying will start soon.

Spotted hemlock is flowering now and has been found in the same areas as last year. Water Resources has hired a contractor to spray for Spotted hemlock in their drains and will start spraying next week. Walker's Lawncare has been contacted to use his drone to spray the Spotted hemlock areas in road rights-of-way. This will be interesting to watch.

Weed Complaints: Several properties in the Horace area have been notified to control Canada thistle.

Complaints: A farmer south of Fargo contacted me regarding crinkled leaves on his soybeans. I invited Dr. Quincy Law, NDSU, to help investigate his fields. The impacted areas are along the county road where we sprayed last summer. It appears in areas where the spring melt waters backed up onto the field drains and other low lying areas. At this point, no discernible explanation is evident to why the soybeans are showing crinkled leaves. The impacted plants with crinkled leaves are shorter than non-impacted plants and can be found next to one another within the same row. Numerous soil samples were taken for greenhouse analysis at NDSU.

Upcoming Events:

NDWCA Board meeting
NDWCA Area meeting

September 26, Bismarck
October 23, Valley City