



Goshen County Weed & Pest



NEWSLETTER

HEAT AND DROUGHT CONDITIONS ON WEEDS

Many landowners are asking the same question... "Why are our weeds that we just sprayed not dying?" Under extended dry conditions, weeds grow more slowly and also develop thicker cuticles on the leaf surfaces, which has the overall effect of reducing herbicide movement into and throughout the plant. This is proving to be true when it comes to a summer like this year. Last summer brought a lot of moisture, which allowed for weeds to thrive and produce an abundance of seeds. Fast forward to this summer, the dry-hot conditions have allowed for that seed bank to germinate and still produce mature plants. Although these mature thistles are not growing as tall or looking as healthy as they typically do, their seeds will still be viable.

What do you do? GCWP will often tell landowners to spray in early spring or fall, because weeds are most effectively controlled when they are smaller and are actively growing. For greater herbicide efficacy, wait for the extremely high temperatures to pass before applying herbicides. The ideal temperature for applying most post-emergent herbicides is between 65° F and 85° F. This means you can still spray weeds during this drought, just make sure to spray during the coolest parts of the day, morning and evening.



Once a plant has seeded out, this plant has already completed its lifecycle. You can still spray the plant and its surrounding area to help with controlling future rosettes.



It is beneficial to mow thistle that has bloomed and seeds have not fallen or blown away. By mowing the mature plant you are keeping the seeds in the same area and then know where to control the following year.

GOSHEN COUNTY MOSQUITO TRAPPING & FOGGING

Traps are set weekly in these areas:
Table Mt, Hawk Springs, Veteran, Huntley
Dillman, Badger Town, McKenna, North Canal

GCWP will start fogging the routes below July 10th.

Fogging Routes: (fogging takes place between 6-8pm)
Monday & Wednesdays - McKenna, Hawk Springs, Veteran, Huntley

Tuesdays & Thursdays - E. Torrington, West Torrington, Dillman, S. Torrington

Please note - Incorporated towns (Torrington, Lingle, Fort Laramie, LaGrange, Yoder) operate an independent schedule. Reach out to your Town Mayor for information on your town fogging schedules.

TWOGROOVED MILKVETCH

- Up to 30 in. tall
- Opposite, hairy leaflets
- Purple, blue, or white, clustered flowers
- Strong selenium (horseradish) odor
- Contains glucosides



Signs of poisoning:

- Causes respiratory problems and paralysis
- Milkvetches are addicting once grazed



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- July 11 - GCWP Board Meeting @ 10:30am