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The Weed Warrior

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Invasive Weed Totals

Over the last 7 months we have been conducting an extensive weed mapping project here in San Juan County for invasive weeds. Listed below are the totals of each invasive weed acreage found. At this point the mapping information is being digitized and put on maps. When we are finished these maps will be loaded on our web site at www.sanjuanweeds.com

<u>Area</u>	<u>Weed</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Weed</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Aztec	Musk Thistle	8.37	Cedar Hill	Canada Thistle	80.50
	Plumeless Thistle	5.97		Musk Thistle	168.46
	Russian Knapweed	157.92		Plumeless Thistle	4.01
	Russian Olive	254.22		Russian Knapweed	218.28
	Salt Cedar	94.69		Russian Olive	2096.31
Blanco	Bull Thistle	5.84		Salt Cedar	77.31
	Canada Thistle	9.05		Spotted Knapweed	3.91
	Musk Thistle	8.33		Wavyleaf Thistle	3.22
	Plumeless Thistle	0.00		Farmington	Musk Thistle
	Russian Knapweed	1.62	Russian Knapweed		653.80
	Russian Olive	405.00	Russian Olive		1400.33
	Salt Cedar	353.31	Salt Cedar		888.30
	Bloomfield	Scotch Thistle	10.26	Flora Vista/ Crouch Mesa	Bull Thistle
Canada Thistle		4.15	Musk Thistle		1269.45
Musk Thistle		5.35	Plumeless Thistle		72.46
Plumeless Thistle		4.71	Russian Knapweed		528.00
Russian Knapweed		70.36	Russian Olive		1930.54
Russian Olive		429.19	Salt Cedar		1635.16
	Salt Cedar	342.97		Scotch Thistle	1.41

Kirtland/ Waterflow/	Musk Thistle	47.51
	Russian Knapweed	98.99
Fruitland	Russian Olive	848.28
	Salt Cedar	746.39
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Shiprock	Russian Knapweed	160.76
	Russian Olive	8701.21
	Salt Cedar	9595.36
	Musk Thistle	47.83
	Camelthorn	144.22

LaPlata	Canada Thistle	1.12
	Spotted Knapweed	6.52
	Musk Thistle	341.88
	Russian Knapweed	1814.66
	Russian Olive	2663.53
	Salt Cedar	1830.19

West Hammond	Bull Thistle	11.63
	Canada Thistle	1.44
	Russian Knapweed	112.86
	Russian Olive	4210.99
	Salt Cedar	551.54

Navajo Dam	Canada Thistle	2.44
	Musk Thistle	381.11
	Plumeless Thistle	12.48
	Russian Knapweed	205.94
	Russian Olive	456.98
	Salt Cedar	398.78
	Yellow Toadflax	0.90

NAPI	Russian Olive	134.78
	Salt Cedar	570.93
	Canada Thistle	313.52
	Musk Thistle	332.01
	Russian Knapweed	123.34
	Bull Thistle	38.78

Totals

<u>Weed</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Bull Thistle	56.38
Canada Thistle	412.23
Musk Thistle	2677.82
Plumeless Thistle	99.65
Russian Knapweed	4146.54
Russian Olive	23531.39
Salt Cedar	17084.95
Scotch Thistle	11.68
Spotted Knapweed	10.43
Wavyleaf thistle	3.22
Yellow Toadflax	0.90
Camelthorn	144.22
Grand Total	48179.41



Private Applicator License

Certified Private Applicators are farmers or ranchers who use or directly supervise the use of restricted-use pesticides on property owned or rented by them. The application of the restricted-use pesticide must be for the production of an agricultural commodity (this does not include use on backyard vegetation or gardens) and may not be for payment.

A Private Applicator License enables you to buy restricted use pesticides, the following rules apply for issuance of the license. The test is 50 multiple choice questions and you must secure a grade of 70% to pass. In preparation for the test we have a 2-hour video you may check out here in the office. The test may be taken in the Extension Office anytime during our business hours but give us at least 24 hours notice to enable us to arrange a place for your testing. Fees have gone up to \$15.00 and you will need to bring a check or money order made out to N.M.D.A. Your license is good for 5 years, and at the end of the five years you need five (5) C.E.U.'s to automatically renew your license. Without the five (5) C.E.U.'s during the five-year period you must re-test to receive your new license. If you don't want to re-test, you will need to attend meetings that offer accredited C.E.U.'s within the 5-year time frame. These include the Ornamental and Turf Workshop, Weed Symposium and Pesticide Applicators Workshop. Plan on approximately one hour to take the test.

New Mexico Weed Free Forage Program Update



Fee Schedule

Inspection	\$20/hr
Driving Time	\$20/hr
Mileage	\$.40/mi
Twine 2 rolls/box.....	\$30/box
Inspection Fee	\$50.00

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Weed Free Forage continued

HOW Does The Program Work

- NMCIA sends Statement of Inspection Fee, which must be paid within 10 days.
- Producer records information from each sale on the Certificate of Inspection. When the certificate is complete, it is sent to NM Crop Improvement Association (NM CIA).
- Inventory sheets are completed for each sale.
- A Transit Certificate shall accompany all inspected forage that is moved out of state.
- When applicable, the purchaser completes the transit document and returns it to NM CIA.
- The crop and the field perimeter is inspected.
- A certificate of inspection is completed and a copy is sent to the producer.
- All inspected forage is identified by specially colored twine, available through NM CIA.
- After inspection the producer calls NM CIA with bale count.

For further information on getting certified, please contact the New Mexico Crop Improvement Association at 505-646-4125.

Farm and Ranch Improvement Funds

The San Juan County FRIF Committee will be taking applications for Invasive Weed Control on private and state land from now until March 31, 2006. If approved, cost share is 50% of the cost if done by a Commercial Applicator and 75% if the owner does the applying of pesticides. There will be a \$500 maximum cost share per individual or entity. The committee will also be offering cost share on Sagebrush control at the rate of 50% cost share. There is a limited amount of money available for Sagebrush and other range improvement items. *Applications* are available here at the Extension Office.

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Weed Symposium

The Four Corners Weed Symposium will be held March 2nd, 8:30 am at the Civic Center in Farmington. You should have received the registration information in the mail. If you need information on the Symposium call us at 334-9496 and we will send it to you. We look forward to seeing you on the 2nd.

Russian Olive/Salt Cedar Task Force

The next meeting of the task force will be April 6th at the Civic Center in Farmington starting at 1:00 pm. Mary Ann McGraw from the Environment Department in Santa Fe will be our guest speaker. She will be addressing the Clean Water Act monies she has for riparian restoration. Make plans to attend!

Sincerely,

Gary Hathorn
San Juan County Extension Agent