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The Weed Warrior



Weed Brochures Ready!

They are now available and ready for you to pick up here at the Extension Office. We had several thousand printed and are excited to share these with you. I guarantee you will be impressed with the quality and information contained in the brochure. Give us a call at 334-9496 and make arrangements for pick up and distribution. Our partners BLM, NRCS, and Soil and Water also have a supply.



Consider Weed-Free Forage Program for Value-Added Product

The current New Mexico weed-free forage program is designed to facilitate certification of forage products free of noxious weeds and will allow transit of this certified hay into other states that require weed-free hay on state or federal land. This certification will show inspection of fields according to the North American Forage Certification Standards using both the regional list and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) list of noxious weed species and that inspected fields are free of any of these weeds. The objective of the program is to help prevent and slow the spread of these designated noxious weeds by providing forage that is free of these weeds and seed so that transport of the hay products insures no movement of noxious weeds from the field of origin. Inspection can occur within ten days of harvest and will include observations around the field to surrounding ditches, fence rows, easements, roads, loading areas as well as stackyards. As a minimum, the inspection will confirm by visual observation that the forage to be harvested contains no immature or mature noxious weeds and that no viable seed is present. Fields that

have any of the noxious weeds can be treated to prevent seed formation and confirmed as free of viable seed at inspection. The certification is not transferable and the end user will have to obtain an original white form transit certificate for proof of certification. All forage inspected and approved under this new weed-free forage program must be marked with special twine or tags. Supplies of the twine can be purchased through the New Mexico Crop Improvement Association where requests for the inspections as well as any transit certificates must be obtained. More information on the program can be obtained online at <http://spectre.nmsu.edu/dept/academic.html?i=683#Forms> or the forms and fact sheet on the program can be obtained through the New Mexico Crop Improvement Association at MSC-3CI, New Mexico State University, Room 296 Gerald Thomas Building, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003 or by calling and requesting more information at 505-646-4125 or faxing a request for more information at 505-646-8137. Fees for inspection and certification of the hay are \$20 per hour of inspection time; \$0.40 per mile for mileage to and from the site; a \$20 per hour driving time charge and a \$50 inspection fee. Multiple fields can be inspected under this program for the weed-free forage certification. A charge will also be set for twine purchase under the program to designate certified hay. An inventory must be kept by the grower that includes information on the field identification, date certified, beginning hay bale inventory, any purchasers of the certified hay, the date(s) sold, number of bales sold with each purchase and remaining balance of hay inventory and returned when the inventory sheet(s) are completed or at least once annually to the New Mexico Crop Improvement Association. A complete summary of the national North American Weed Free Forage Program can be reviewed online that includes the minimum certification standards and a list of the designated national noxious weeds and undesirable plant species at:

http://www.Nawma.org/documents/Weed%Free%20Forage/WFF_Standards.html.

A copy of a computer CD that explains the program can also be requested through the New Mexico Crop Improvement Association so that you can find out more on the program and have visual pictures of the noxious weeds that are covered under the New Mexico and federal program.

Weed Warrior Dates to Remember

- June 23** Russian Olive, Salt Cedar Public Meeting-Farmington Civic Center- 3-5 and 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- July 12** Bio-control of Russian, Diffuse, and Spotted Knapweed Workshop - BLM – 9- 3
- August 2-4** Southwest Invasive Weed Short Course- San Juan College
BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF RUSSIAN, DIFFUSE, AND SPOTTED KNAPWEED
WORKSHOP & FIELD DAY

Tuesday, July 12, 2005
Bureau of Land Management Conference Room
1235 La Plata Highway
Farmington, New Mexico

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Classroom, biological control of weeds principles knapweed biology Biological control agents for spotted/diffuse knapweed
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK (Provided)
10:45 - 12:00 p.m.	Classroom, Biological Control release techniques Biological Control monitoring techniques
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Travel to Russian knapweed infestation/field site BAG LUNCH (Provided)
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Instruction for field collection and Monitoring Bio-control agent release demonstration
3:00 p.m.	Distribution of biological control agent releases Distribution of Re-certification credits (if applicable)

Sincerely,

Gary Hathorn
San Juan County Extension Agent

**RUSSIAN OLIVE
SALT CEDAR
AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLAN**

*** PUBLIC MEETING ***

To gain additional input on the development of a Strategic Plan a **Public Meeting will be held 3:00 – 5:00 pm and 6:30 – 8:30 pm, June 23** at the Farmington Civic Center, 200 West Arrington, Farmington NM.

A statewide policy and strategic plan for Russian Olive and Salt Cedar and watershed management is being developed. The Strategic Plan provides guidance for control of Russian Olive and Salt Cedar and identifies the necessary template and protocols for monitoring, revegetation, rehabilitation, and long-term watershed management activities. It contains distinct recommendations and implementation actions in the broad categories of management, planning, funding, education, monitoring, research, and government action that will aid New Mexico in improving riparian conditions. For more information call:

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