

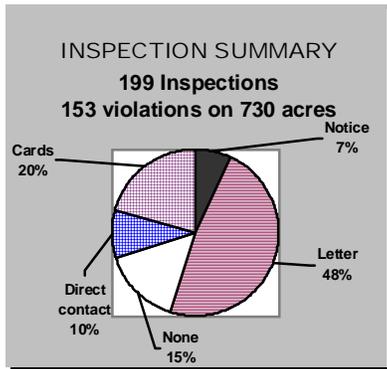


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April 2011 Monthly Report

Inspection Activity

Three of our six inspectors began inspections on April 18th. Jacob Jensen is working the Northwest, Jim Harder is in the Southwest and Barbara Frazier is handling the Eastern part of the county.



Musk thistles are beginning to bolt and we have found Leafy spurge starting to bloom in a few areas.

In the first two weeks we completed a total of 199 inspections.

Musk thistle:

186 sites inspected – 3,471.5 acres
140 sites infested – 671.55 acres

Type of contact made:

38 Trace cards
89 Letters
13 10-day legal notices (2 of the notices have already been sprayed and closed out)

Leafy Spurge:

13 sites inspected – 139.4 acres
13 sites infested – 58.42 acres

Type of contact made:

03 Trace cards
09 Letters

back of all our vehicles to try and increase public awareness.

Noxious Weed Control Act Q & A

Q: Whenever special weed control problems exist in a county involving weeds not included in the rules and regulations, what option(s) are available to the control authority?

A: The control authority may petition the director to bring such weeds under the county control program.

Japanese Knotweed

The good news is that we have **NOT** found any new infestations this year. The Lower Platte South NRD has agreed to spray on Dead Mans Run. And one private landowner is controlling theirs by herbicide. The infestations on East Campus, Sunken Gardens and Antelope Park are continuing to cut off new growth at this point while we work on control methods acceptable. I'm sure when it blooms later this fall and is easier to identify we will find more.

May Planned Activities

- 2 Contract for mowing of abandoned Cemeteries- Uphoff, Dietz, Highland
- 2 Leafy spurge inspections
- 9 Inspector training
- 9 Prepare leafy spurge roadside map
- 12 Management Team Meeting
- 13 Invasive Species Council
- 16-31 Leafy spurge roadside spraying
- 16 Maps to ROW applicators for BNSF
- 16 Maps to Chem-Trol for UPRR
- 16 Maps to MUD for Nebraska City Line
- 16 Begin City Weed Abatement inspections
- 16 Contracts for landfills
- 17 LPWMA meeting
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New logo: We are replacing the old worn out, faded door logos on our cars with this new logo. We also put our web address on the