



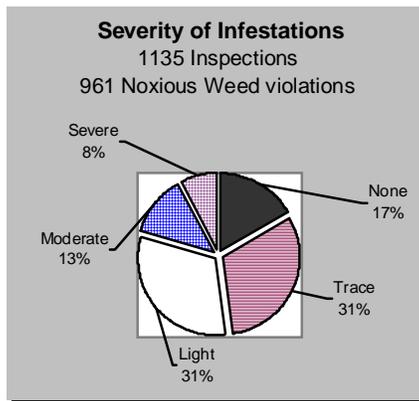
Lancaster County Weed Control

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May 2011 Monthly Report

Inspection Activity

With Leafy Spurge in the flower stage and Musk thistle in the bud to bloom stage June will prove to be a challenging month. While the



majority of landowners do a good job and are good stewards of their land, there are the ones we work with that for one reason or another are never able to

understand the value in controlling their noxious weeds. 1135 inspections have been made in 2011 on noxious weeds. 174 showed to have been controlled, 322 had Trace infestations, 327 had Light infestations, 133 had Moderate infestations and 81 had Severe infestations.

New "Perspective" in Leafy Spurge control

Dupont recently released their new chemical for the control of Leafy Spurge. The trade name is *Perspective* and the current label includes roadsides and industrial areas. We will be having our contractor who is doing the control work on all County ROW's and in both the 48th Street and Bluff Road Landfills use *Perspective* to control the Leafy Spurge. The test plots I have seen show over 90% control two years after application. This is by far the best result I have seen in over 20 years of weed control work. Our hope is to start getting some control on this almost impossible to kill plant and cut down on application cost by not having to spray each location every year. At

this time it is **NOT** labeled for Pasture & Rangeland. Dupont hopes to have that label in the next couple years.

Noxious Weed Control Act Q & A

Q (a) Who is responsible for the cost of the control activities of the control authority? (b) This cost is considered what? (c) Beginning at what date?

A (a) The cost of any such control shall be at the expense of the owner. (b) A lien on the property upon which the control measures were taken as a special assessment (c) on the date of control.

Japanese Knotweed (*bad news / good news*)

First the bad news... Last month I reported that we had NOT found any new infestations of Japanese Knotweed. We were not so lucky in May. Knotweed plantings between the sidewalk and the street were discovered at over a dozen locations in downtown Lincoln. The Downtown Lincoln Association was aware of the locations and will remove the plants and begin chemical treatment of any new growth.

Now the good news.... Five of the six locations that we previously knew about are having some type of control work being done, either chemical or mechanical. I have been working with the final landowner's grounds keeper on having his knotweed removed and it should be coming out this month.

June Planned Activities

- 9 Management Team Meeting
- 10 Invasive Species Council
- 16 NWCA Region meeting @ Lancaster Co.
- 21 LPWMA Meeting
- 30 Problem Resolution Team
- 30 Monthly activity report