

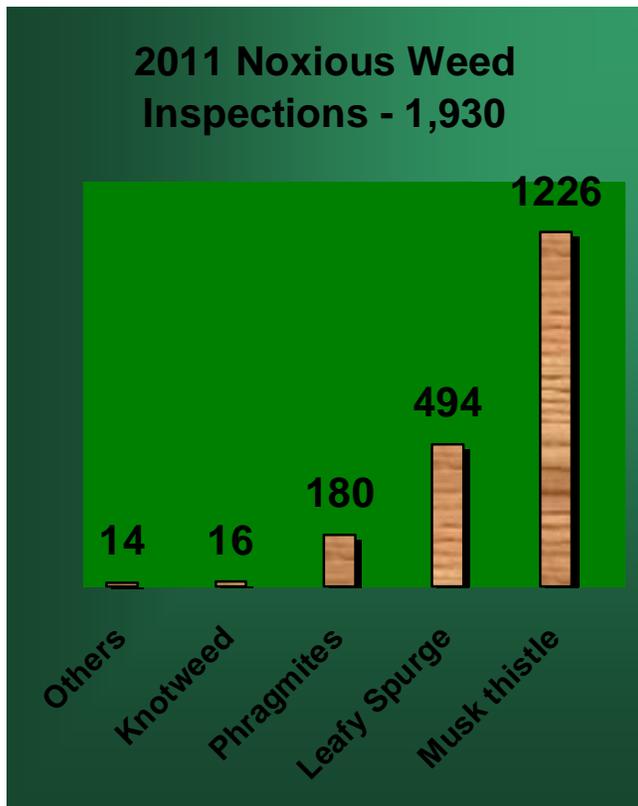


Lancaster County Weed Control

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June 2011 Monthly Report

Inspection Activity

As of the end of June the Weed Control Authority has completed a total of 1,930 inspections on Noxious Weeds in the County.



We have had to force control 4 parcels for Musk thistle on landowners that failed to control in the given amount of time.

While Musk thistle continues to be our worst thistle problem, we have also found new infestations of Canada thistle & Plumeless thistle this year.

Leafy spurge continues its stronghold in the county. By using the new Dupont product on our roadsides we should see some progress on this in the coming years. I've found that some of the acreage owners are still not aware of Leafy Spurge, what it looks like, or that it is a

noxious weed. More public awareness and education will be coming for those owning property in the county that is infested with Leafy Spurge.

While we continue to find new infestations of Phragmites, we are seeing good control efforts by the landowners in the county. Our large control push was in 2009 with the helicopter contracts which are now starting to show re-growth. Most are around 75% controlled, and will need follow up treatments this fall.

Knotweed update:

Until this month all of our Knotweed locations were ornamental plantings. We did find our first infestation of "Wild" Japanese Knotweed this month located within the city limits on North 14th street. We are working with the landowner on methods of control. We need to work quickly because N. 14th is due to be widened and we don't want any of this plant or plant parts to be moved during construction.

Noxious Weed Control Act Q & A

Q: What is the penalty specified for someone who prevents or threatens to prevent entry upon land of an authorized person carrying out their duties as required by the Noxious Weed Control Act?

A: Class IV misdemeanor.

July Planned Activities

- 4 Holiday
- 8 Invasive Species Council
- 14 Management Team Meeting
- 19 LPWMA Meeting
- 21 NWCA Region 1 @ Saline Co.
- 25-29 Brent's Vacation
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