

## NEWSLETTER

### THEY'RE OUT AND ABOUT

Goshen County Weed & Pest sets traps throughout the county to record mosquito populations, along with testing those populations for West Nile virus. Lets dig into some facts that maybe you never knew about those nasty biting mosquitoes.

**Breeding:** There is enough water in a water bottle cap for certain mosquitoes to lay eggs. It is important to drain standing water from all sources such as bird baths, buckets, planters, boat covers, etc.

**West Nile Virus:** In Wyoming, there are over 50 different species of mosquito. One type of mosquito is of concern for transmitting West Nile virus (Culex tarsalis).

**Male vs. Female:** Only female mosquitoes bite for blood. They need the protein to produce eggs. Both male and female mosquitoes feed on nectar or honeydew of plants to get sugar.

**Protecting Yourself:** The "D's" are easy to follow: Drain, Dress, Defend  
**Drain** standing water once a week or treat with larvicide. **Dress** in long pants and long sleeve shirts. **Defend** by applying repellents according to label directions



### GOSHEN COUNTY FOGGING ROUTES

ULV (fogging) application schedule:

Monday/Wednesday - Veteran, Huntley, Hawk Springs, South Torrington

Tuesday/Thursday - East Torrington, West Torrington, Dillman Estates, McKenna Addition

Fogging applications take place in the evenings between 6pm and 9pm, this allows to better treat mosquitoes that are carriers of WNV and are night time biters. Please note- fogger operators are prohibited to stop during applications, it is best to stay inside during application. With questions or concerns please call the office 307-532-3713.

### Why is your community not being fogged?

Un-incorporated towns within Goshen county are fogged by GCWP. Incorporated towns within the county operate their own program and are supported by Goshen County Weed & Pest.

### WEED-FREE FORAGE

Certification is a great way to prevent spread and build awareness of unwanted weeds while adding value to your product. GCWP offers inspections to help local farmer's and rancher's certify their crop products.

**As a seller, certified straw or hay may be more profitable and marketable**

**As a buyer, certified products offer assurance of the product you're purchasing**

In many cases, certified weed-free hay is required to be fed to pack animals to prevent the spread of invasive species on Federal and State lands. Certification needs to take place before cutting. Plan ahead and give the office a call if you're interested in certifying a crop.

GCWP can also provide a list to those who are looking to purchase certified weed-free hay/straw.



#### STAY IN THE KNOW

- Aug 4- Fair Day Office Closed
- Aug 10 - SAREC Field Day
- Aug 11- GCWP Board Meeting