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Goshen County Weed & Pest NEWSLETTER

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SPOTTING IT FROM AFAR

You've most likely heard GCWP say it before, but we are here to remind you! With all the moisture we've received this year Dalmatian toadflax is continuing to spread throughout Goshen County. From growth characteristics to treatment methods this plant is by far the most prolific species present in the county.

So let's keep track of the new establishments and treat at first site!

Herbicide Treatment:

Chemical control includes indaziflam (Rejuvra), chlorsulfuron (Telar), picloram (Tordon), and 2,4-D, typically in some combination. Fire, grazing, and tillage are generally not effective. Biocontrol agents are available.

GCWP Cost-Share

For those who struggle with a Dalmatian toadflax infestation on their property, there is funding available. Chemical and labor is cost-shared 50% with the landowner on a first-come, first-serve basis up to the limit of the grant.

Growth Characteristics

- Perennial, extensive root system
- Highly invasive, difficult to control
- Well-adapted to arid ecosystems
- Waxy leaves are very thick, clasp around the stem, and appear a bluish-green color.
- Flowers are bright yellow, resemble snapdragons

SUMMER TIME CONTROL

A good portion of Goshen county landowners battle prairie dog infestations, and a large percentage of those landowners use rodenticides. Fumitoxin is a successful control measure used when other application methods are not available. This product is a restricted use pesticide, meaning you must obtain your private or commercial applicator license to legally purchase and apply this pesticide.

Proper fumigant use:

Applicator must wear cotton gloves, long sleeve shirt and jeans while applying fumigant tablets. To avoid breathing in fumes, apply on a slightly breezy day. Tablets should be dropped into the active burrow, allowing them to roll deep into the burrow. Place a crumpled newspaper in the burrow entrance then shovel loose dirt over entrance (soil should not smother tablets) to contain gas from escape.

How does it work?

The tablets react with the moisture in the ground, releasing a phosphine gas. Gases released will exterminate the prairie dogs. Due to reaction with moisture, ground temperatures must be above 50°F for phosphine gas to release rapidly.

Fumitoxin tablets are available at GCWP from May 1 through late fall, call the office today with more questions.



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.

Certification should be taken into consideration with recreational use or homestead feed. In certain situations, like on State and Federal lands certified weed free forage is required. Let us help you protect your land from invasive species. If you are interested in purchasing or certifying your hay or straw, contact GCWP or visit www.goshenweedandpest.com/how-do-i

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY
7AM-430PM

STAY IN THE KNOW

- July 4 - Fourth of July (office closed)
- July 13- GCWP Board Meeting
- Aug 3 - Goshen County Fair Day (office closed)

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