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## Goshen County Weed & Pest NEWSLETTER



#### **COUNTY ROAD TREATMENTS**

It is Goshen County Weed & Pest's duty to control the noxious species that are on the state designated and county declared lists. Over the years, GCWP has been able to collect data showing which county roads have infestations of concern. Following the collected annual data GCWP prioritizes roads to be treated first. Due to spray operator shortages and proper timing of application not every road in the county receives treatment. GCWP still records data on untreated roads.

**What herbicide do we use?** There is a larger percentage of broad leaf plants along the county roads, which allows for post-emergence broad leaf herbicides to be used.

This allows for use of:

- Tordon/Freelex/Escort
- Highnoon
- Duracor/Escort Blend

#### What equipment do we use?

- John Deer gator -75 gallon tank, booms, one man crew
- Four-wheeler 24 gallon tanks, handgun & boom, two man crew

GCWP works with county landowners who have concerns of their county road rights-of-way. We understand the growing season of these noxious species and hope to work side by side with landowners to better control weeds along the county roads.

# COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR TRAINING'S NEAR YOU

YOU WILL NEED TO SHOW YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE

#### February 4th

1pm - 4pm Platte Valley Bank, Torrington Branch





### February 27th 8am - 12pm

Platte Valley Bank, Torrington Branch

Call Amy @ 307-532-2436 with questions

### WILD LICORICE





- Perennial
- 1-3 ft tall
- Deep, spreading roots or seeds
- · Seeds appear as burs in Aug. & Sept.
- · Confused with cocklebur

## DRONE-BASED SPRAYING & SURVEYING



There are a handful of Wyoming Weed & Pest Control Districts that offer drones as a spray and survey method. GCWP does not offer this through our office, there are commercial applicators in the surrounding area that do offer drone services for herbicide application and surveying.

Herbicide application with drones has taken off in the last 5 years within the agriculture industry. Drone-based herbicide treatments are providing growers with another option for selective post-emergence herbicide applications. Iowa State University did a study on drone based mapping and spraying and they're able to show that the applications done by drones are saving approximately 50% on the herbicide cost of the product being used. As mentioned before drones are not only being used for application, but landowners are also seeing huge success in drone-based mapping and surveying. GCWP has resources if you are interested in drone-based weed control.

#### STAY IN THE KNOW

- February 13th GCWP Board Meeting
- February 17th Presidents' Day (office closed)

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