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Goshen County Weed & Pest NEWSLETTER

TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS...

Goshen County Weed & Pest's goal is to control and contain the prairie dog population within the county. Due to the high density of the pest, GCWP is able to offer help in decreasing the cost of bait and commercial application. Assistance with the cost of commercial application comes from the Pesticide Registration Fee Grant, which was adopted by the Wyoming Department of Agriculture in 2006. GCWP applies for a grant annually to help with the hired labor portion of the program, this helps out landowners who don't have the equipment or means to treat their property. Prairie dogs are a designated pest within the Goshen County Special Management Program allowing GCWP to share in the cost of bait.

Active and treated prairie dog towns in Goshen County

How to receive cost-share?

An agreement between the landowner and GCWP must be signed before receiving cost-share. The agreement states amount of cost-share offered and insures understanding of parties involved. Please come in and visit with us if you have questions or perhaps are concerned about surrounding prairie dog populations.

How can our program help YOU?

80% of the bait cost ONLY purchased from GCWP office. Landowners who hire a commercial applicator can receive 80% of labor cost, up-to 125 acres treated (funds are limited). Cost-share only goes to property treated in Goshen county, GCWP provides anticoagulants, fumigation and poison oats.

PRAIRIE DOG CONTROL METHODS

Three keys to control: **improve grazing management, control immediately** and **treat population repeatedly.**

Rodenticides- anticoagulants and zinc phosphide

- Anticoagulant (Kaput®-D) applied inside each active burrow. After 2 weeks properly cover (fill in) baited burrows, dispose of any above ground carcasses and retreat active burrows.
  - *Available Oct. 1 - March 15*
- Zinc phosphide (ZP Ag Oat, Prozap® Oat Bait) to be applied with a pre-bait (non-treated, clean oats next to hole) process.
  - Labeled application use *March 1 - Dec. 31*

Fumigants- aluminum phosphide tablets (fumitoxin)

- While wearing dry cotton gloves insert 2 to 4 tablets to each active burrow when soil temp is >50.
- Pack the treated entrance with crumpled paper and shovel soil to cover paper (seal all untreated entrances).
- Inspect treated burrows a couple days after, retreat all reopened burrows.

PRIVATE APPLICATOR RECERTIFICATION

Platte Valley Bank Torrington Branch

Dates:
Monday, February 13, 2023
Monday, March 6, 2023

Times: 1pm–5pm

Free of charge

RSVP's not necessary, with questions contact Brian @ 307-721-2571

If you apply restricted-use pesticides to your own property or without pay, a private license is needed.

Cost-share is available to Goshen county landowners! Visit us at www.goshenweedandpest.com/prairiedogs.html for more info on our prairie dog program.

STAY IN THE KNOW

- Feb 9 - GCWP Board Meeting
- Feb 10 - Conservation District Ed Meeting
- Feb 20 - President's Day

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