



Clint Pitts, President

December, 2022

24th Annual Weed and Pest Conference

Crossroads Hotel & Huron Event Center

Huron, SD

February 15, 16, 17, 2023

Feb 15 – 8 am Supervisor's Training

Feb 15 – 1 pm & 1:30 pm – SD Weed & Pest Control Commission Meetings 1 & 2

Feb 16 – Weed & Pest Conference begins at 8 am for the day, banquet is at 6 pm

Feb 17 – Weed & Pest Conference begins at 8 am with Association Meeting

Full Agenda Will Be Sent Soon

LODGING : CROSSROADS HOTEL & HURON EVENT CENTER	(605) 352-3204
100 4 th Street SW, Huron, SD 57350	
Headquarters for the Weed and Pest Conference	
BEST WESTERN OF HURON	(605) 352-2000
2000 Dakota Avenue South, Huron, SD 57350	
COMFORT INN – HURON	(605) 352-6655
100 21 st Street SW, Huron, SD 57350	
DAKOTA INN	(605) 352-1400
924 Fourth Street NE, Huron, SD 57350	
HURON SUPER 8 MOTEL (Will honor Conf Rate	(605) 352-0740
2189 Dakota Avenue South, Huron, SD 57350	

For other smaller motels search - <http://huronchamber.chambermaster.com/list>

From the Industry:

We have seen many changes in the 2022 year on product supply and pricing, these were all attributed to various supply chain issues, packaging, shipping, technical material shortages, labor shortages and other various reasons, some products will continue to be tight, short supply or under allocation in 2023 while others have seemed to stable off on supply and pricing for now.

In 2022 we seen unprecedented price increases ranging from 20% on the low to as high as 160% on the high, glyphosate and 2,4-D products did take the highest jumps but still, many other products were in the 15% to 40% ranges, while we hope not to see these types of increases in 2023 it may still take some time to stable off price and supply.

We have seen a new round of price increases from almost all manufacturers in the past few months, this is common at this time of year as the manufacturers try to set for the coming year, you may want to give your suppliers extra time to make sure they will have your product needs and amounts on hand when you need them or, order early and have the needed products to start your season on your floor to ensure your needs are met.

Thoughts from your President

Hello everyone, It's November 24, 2022, and I decided to take the day off to enjoy Thanksgiving with family. Yes, there is plenty to do in the fields and plenty of repairs to catch up on after a long and grueling year, but I believe that once in a great while we should take a day to reflect, catch up on some rest, and spend some time with the people that support what we do for a living. In the last few weeks, I have been taking advantage of the nice weather and getting some things done so that I won't have to do them next spring. As sprayers I think the same is true we need to be taking advantage of the situation and doing what we can now to prepare for the spring.

Deer season, just opened twelve days ago, and I realized it was a lot like preparing for any change in seasons. Whether it be planting, spraying, harvesting it all requires us to prepare in advance and be ready when it's time to go. For deer season you must obtain a license and figure out the ground that you are going to hunt on in the off season. Then you need to get your tools ready, load ammunition sight in your weapons etc. Then just prior to the big day you have to pack everything up so that when the day is here you are ready to hit it headfirst prepared. As sprayers we are doing the same thing, and it's that time of the year again to start preparing for what next year is going to throw at us. I'm sure that everyone has already started but for those of you that haven't, I know that any season that you are prepared for when it comes is much easier and more successful when you're ready.

One thing that I really enjoy and grow from every year is the district and state meetings. I enjoy getting to know people and discussing what they deal with. Through communication, we are able to share different strategies successfully used. We can then utilize these acquaintances or issues to our advantage. 20 years of being involved with different counties and experts in the field. I have many tools in my arsenal to help combat the new issues that come our way every year. I hope that all of you out there can take a minute to get to know someone from a different area in our state. Let's utilize our contacts and try to figure out how we can use their knowledge to form strategies that will work in our area. The district meetings are behind us for the year, but the state meetings are just around the corner February 15-17 in Huron can't wait to see you all there.

To sum it all up. I believe that in our offseason time which is now we can and should prepare for the big day that will rear its ugly head this coming spring. To all you weed warriors out there keep your heads up, your feet down and keep striving to stop those invasive weeds...

Clint Pitts, Chairman

NOMINATIONS

Nominations are needed for "Outstanding Weed & Pest Board "Member", "Supervisor", "Educator", and "Contributor". The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31. Send resumes to: Gary Pribyl, 19987 Homestead Ln, Wolsey, SD 57384 or SDweedfighters@gmail.com

EXTENDED YEARS OF SERVICE CERTIFICATES

The SD Weed and Pest Control Commission will once again recognize county weed and pest board members with extended years of service. Board members will be recognized in 5-year multiples of service – ex. 5, 10, 15 years of service. Send your names to Brenda Sievers at Brenda.Sievers@state.sd.us no later than January 20, 2023

Promotion items available

Any promotion items that are ordered before the conference can be picked up there. Please give me two or three days' notice. Gary sdweedfighters@gmail.com or 354-1989

2023 Weed & Pest Conference Registration Form February 15, 16, 17

Please detach and return by February 3, 2023

Make check payable and send to:

Weed & Pest Conference
c/o Gary Pribyl
19987 Homestead Lane
Wolsey, SD 57384-8425

or email form to sdweedfighters@gmail.com and pay at the door

___ # of Registrations Supervisors Training (Wednesday) @ \$35.00 \$ _____
(breaks & noon meal included)

___ # of Registrations Conference @ \$135.00 (Thursday and Friday) \$ _____
(Includes all breaks, 1 noon meal, awards banquet & Friday breakfast)

Add \$50.00 for each registration after Feb 3, 2023 \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please include the following information for each person included with this form.
Print carefully as name tags will be prepared from this information.

Name _____

Title _____ Email address _____

County/Agency _____ copy as needed

Calendar of Activities

DECEMBER

- ⇒ Begin preparation of annual report.
- ⇒ Update inspection/inventory records and files.

JANUARY

- ⇒ Complete and submit annual & fiscal reports by Jan 31.
- ⇒ Begin planning the annual and educational meetings.
- ⇒ Purchase chemicals and equipment.
- ⇒ Update records, files and maps.
- ⇒ Contact landowner/operators who have noxious weed and declared pest problems.
- ⇒ Attend re-certification training.
- ⇒ Program planning and organizational work.
- ⇒ Submit requests for local noxious weed and declared pest designations by Friday, January 20, 2023.

FEBRUARY

- ⇒ Finalize plans and hold educational and annual meetings.

- ⇒ Contact landowner/operators who have noxious weed and declared pest problems. Meet with interested groups.

- ⇒ Meeting of the county weed and pest board, community representatives, and county agricultural agent to develop the county noxious weed and declared pest program for the year.

- ⇒ Organize and hold meetings to structure cooperative programs for noxious weed, declared pest as well as any needed grasshopper control.

- ⇒ Continue treatment of mountain pine beetle infestations.

- ⇒ Attend State Weed and Pest Conference.

MARCH

- ⇒ Hold the annual weed board **meeting**.

- ⇒ Repair equipment.

- ⇒ Plan demonstration and test plots and tours.

- ⇒ Send names of newly elected/appointed weed and pest board members to the State Coordinator.

- ⇒ Meet with interested groups.

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⇒ Publish notice of responsibility & intent to inspect in the county's official newspaper(s) prior to April 1.

Raffle

The gun raffle board is about half sold out, so check it out if you haven't already!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Deadline to Submit Locally Noxious Weed Requests – January 20

Sioux Falls Farm Show January 26 – 28

Fiscal & Annual Report are Due January 31

Black Hills Stock Show January 27 – February 4

Watertown Winter Show February 8 – 11

Weed & Pest Conference February 15 – 17

SD Weed & Pest Control Commission Meeting 1 & 2 – February 15 – 1 pm & 1:30 pm

KCCR Farm Show February 25-26

SILENT AUCTION

A silent auction will be held again this year to help fund the scholarship program. Items are encouraged to be brought for this project. The executive committee has suggested that several of the items be used for a live auction. This is still in discussion. Your participation is encouraged.

BYLAW CHANGES WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEB SITE, HOPEFULLY NEXT WEEK

Locally Noxious Weed Requests

Now is time to think about your locally noxious weed requests that will expire December 31, 2022, as well as new requests for 2023 and beyond. These requests must be approved by the SD Weed and Pest Control Commission at their February meeting, which will be held in Huron on February 15, 2023. A few years ago, there was a change that was made to this process. **Requests for locally noxious weeds must be submitted on the attached form, as well as must include a copy of your weed and pest board minutes, showing where your county weed board has voted on and approved the locally noxious weeds that you are requesting for your county.** This is effective for both renewals and new requests for Locally Noxious Weeds.

The list of county locally noxious weed designations which includes those that will expire on December 31, 2022 is available on our website at:

<https://danr.sd.gov/Conservation/PlantIndustry/WeedPest/docs/noxiousweeds.pdf>. All weed and pest information is available on our webpage at:

<https://danr.sd.gov/Conservation/PlantIndustry/WeedPest/WeedandPestInfo/default.aspx>

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING - The SD Weed and Pest Control Commission has had declared the following as statewide noxious weeds: Absinth Wormwood, Canada Thistle, Hoary Cress, Leafy Spurge, Perennial Sow Thistle, Purple Loosestrife and Salt Cedar. You do not need to request these weeds as locally noxious since they are already statewide noxious weeds. To view the current listing of locally noxious weeds, please follow this link: <https://sdlegislature.gov/rules/DisplayRule.aspx?Rule=12:62:03:01.07>

The deadline to submit your request for a locally noxious weed designation is **Friday, January 20, 2023**. Remember – ***you must send a copy of your weed board's minutes*** showing where the locally noxious weed request was ***voted on and approved*** by your county weed board, along with the attached request form.

Brenda Sievers, Plant Industry Program Manager, SD Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources

Annual & Fiscal Reports are Due

Annual and fiscal reports are due to the Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources on January 31, 2023. Last year's reports as well as forms to use can be found on our website at:

<https://danr.sd.gov/Conservation/PlantIndustry/WeedPest/WeedandPestInfo/default.aspx>

Reminder – if you have applied for a FY2024 SD Weed and Pest Control Commission Grant, you must submit your reports by January 31 to be eligible, per the grant criteria.

You can mail or email your reports to Jeremiah.phelps@state.sd.us . If you have any questions on filling out the reports, please contact Jeremiah or Brenda for assistance.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR