



Clint Pitts, President

December, 2023

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Weed and Pest Conference**  
SPEARFISH HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER  
Spearfish, SD

February 21, 22, 23, 2024

Feb 21 – 8 am – 12:00 pm - Supervisor's Training

Feb 21 – 1 pm & 1:30 pm – SD Weed & Pest Control Commission Meetings 1 & 2

Feb 22 – Weed & Pest Conference begins at 8 am for the day, banquet is at 6 pm

Feb 23 – Weed & Pest Conference begins at 8 am with Association Meeting

Full Agenda Will Be Sent Soon

<b>LODGING:</b> Spearfish Holiday Inn Convention Center	605-642-4683
305 North 27th Street, Spearfish, SD 57783	
Headquarters for the Weed and Pest Conference	
Fairfield by Marriott	605-642-3500
Quality Inn	605-642-2337
Hampton Inn	605-642-3003
Baymont Inn	605-642-8105
Super 8	605-642-4721
Travelodge	605-642-2350

**SPEAKERS**

Sharon Clark, Justin Hossfeld, & Jarred Hossfeld, ENVU  
-VENTENATA GRASS CONTROL & RANGEVIEW SYSTEM FOR CHEATGRASS  
& SPURGE LOCATION

Grant Isaacson, FBI - ROADSIDE SURPRISES

CORTEVA- EDUCATION PODS

Jane Mangold, MSU - RANGELAND INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT

AGTERRA - DATA LOGGER

Scott Marsh, Kansas Dept. of Ag -YELLOW BLUESTEM

Eric Jones, SDSU – HERBICIDE RESISTANCE PROGRAM

Mike Stenson, APHIS - KAHOOT PROGRAM

Dustin Willett, Pennington Co. Emergency Management - EMT/FIRST AID

Preston Johnson, Ascend Ag - GRASSHOPPERS/AERIAL SPRAYING

Dennis Ganschow & Jim Liebsch - DRONE USE

**2024 Weed & Pest Conference Registration Form**  
**February 21, 22, 23**

Please detach and return by February 2, 2024

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](mailto:sdweedfighters@gmail.com) and pay at the door + 4% for credit card

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

\_\_\_ # of Registrations Conference @ \$140.00 (Thursday and Friday)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Includes all breaks, 1 noon meal, awards banquet & Thursday & Friday breakfast)

**Add \$50.00 for each registration after Feb 2, 2024**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Association of SD County Weed & Pest Boards dues \$200**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**Wanted**

**Donated items for the silent auction that will fund the scholarship program.**

Bring items to the registration desk at the conference by Thursday morning. Bids accepted until the banquet Thursday night.

<p><b>Now Hiring</b></p> <p><b>Beadle County Weed &amp; Pest Supervisor</b></p> <p><b>For more information, please contact:</b></p> <p><b>Beadle County Auditor</b></p> <p><b>605-353-8400</b></p>
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**Now Accepting**

Nominations for Outstanding Board members, Supervisors, Educators, etc.

Send a short story with accomplishments or reasons for the award to

Ron Moehring	or	Gary Pribyl
315 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE		19987 Homestead Lane
Watertown, SD 57201		Wolsey, SD 57384

## ACTIVITIES

January 24-26, 2024 - Sioux Falls Farm Show  
January 26 - February 3, 2024 - Black Hills Stock Show, booth 2029  
February 7-10, 2024 - Watertown Farm Show  
February 21-23, 2024 - Weed & Pest Conference, Spearfish Convention Center

### Promotion items available

We now have Hoodies and Zipper hooded sweatshirts available. We will have them at the Conference. Any promotion items that are ordered before the conference can be picked up there. Please give me two or three days' notice.

Contact Gary at: [sdweedfighters@gmail.com](mailto:sdweedfighters@gmail.com) or 605-354-1989

## 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 Thursday, January 25, 2024.

### 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.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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!**

## Locally Noxious Weed Request Deadline

Now is the time to think about your locally noxious weed requests that will expire December 31, 2023 as well as new requests for 2024 and beyond. These requests must be approved by the SD Weed and Pest Control Commission at their February meeting, which will be held in Spearfish on February 21, 2024. A few years ago there was a change that was made to this process. **Requests for locally noxious weeds must be submitted on the proper 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. **Remember that your County Weed & Pest Board Chairman must sign the request form.** Please follow this link for the form to fill out:

<https://danr.sd.gov/Conservation/PlantIndustry/WeedPest/docs/REQUEST%20FOR%20LOCALLY%20NOXIOUS%20WEEDS%20revised%20102018.pdf>

The list of county locally noxious weed designations which will expire on December 31, 2023 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 the statewide noxious 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 **Thursday, January 25, 2024**. 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 proper request form

If you have any questions on this process, please let me know and I will be happy to assist you.

## **Annual & Fiscal Reports are Due!**

With the end of the year fast approaching, I would like to remind each county that they need to have their Annual Report along with their Fiscal Report into the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources by January 31st, 2024. Please email these reports to [Jeremiah.Phelps@state.sd.us](mailto:Jeremiah.Phelps@state.sd.us). Updated blank reports can be found at this link under Report Forms

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

I will also be emailing fillable excel forms to the contacts I have for your county.

I also would like to remind anyone that has not sent in their County Inspection Summary, they need to do so prior to January 31st. If anyone has any questions about these reports, please contact Jeremiah Phelps by email at [Jeremiah.Phelps@state.sd.us](mailto:Jeremiah.Phelps@state.sd.us) or by phone at 605.295.4910.

See you at Conference!

Jeremiah Phelps

## **A Note from Your President**

It has been a very busy fall, with extended warm weather and dry conditions. I hope you've

had a good year in your location. I feel very privileged to have served you as president for the last two years. Hope to see all of you in Spearfish on February 21-23, 2024. I think we've arranged a program that will be of interest to everyone.

Please remember the silent auction items that help fund the scholarship fund. Just drop them at the registration desk as soon as you arrive.

Be sure to send information on the award nominees by the deadline so we can honor the hard work and years of service.

May you each enjoy the holiday season and take time to relax and spend time with your family.

Thank you, again!

Clint Pitts

### Promotion Items Price List

Ice Scrapers	\$ .95		
Post-it Notes 25 sheets, 3x4	\$ .31	Post-it Notes 25 sheets, 2x3	\$ .23
Placemats	\$ .08	Round magnets	\$ .21
Gloves	\$ 2.00	Travel Mugs	\$ 2.55
Good Neighbor Signs	\$ 19.15	Measuring Cups	\$ .45
Magnifying Glass	\$ .75	Flyswatters	\$ 1.10
16g Travel Drives	\$ 5.00	Sweatshirts – embroidered	\$ 19.25
2X & 3X T-shirts	\$ 8.95	Neon Green T-Shirts	\$ 10.50
Denim Shirts	\$ 23.10	2X & 3X Denim Shirts	\$ 33.75
Stadium bags	\$ 2.10	Plastic tote bags	\$ .28
Shopping Bags	\$ 2.75	Embroidered Caps	\$ 7.50
Mesh Caps	\$ 9.00	Nebraska Weed Books	\$ 25.00
Pencils	\$ .12	Bic pens, fine point	\$ 1.00
Lanyards	\$ 1.00	Notepads, 3.5x5	\$ .30
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Magnifying Glass	\$ .75	Flyswatters	\$ 1.10
16g Travel Drives	\$ 5.00	Hoodies L & XL	\$ 25.00
Hoodies 2XL	\$ 29.00	Zippered Sweat L & XL	\$ 32.00
Zippered Sweat	\$ 37.00		

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**