



Ron Moehring, President

December, 2024

A Note from your President

As I look back at the past year, I see it as a year of contrasts. In the East it started out wet and in the West it was in drought conditions. Both sides of the state had a lot of windy days. This made for a challenging spray season. Fall came and though we had some light frost the weeds kept growing well into November extending control opportunities. This is life in the weed control business. Much like life you never know what you are going to get. The best we can do is trust in the supreme ruler. Even though it seems impossible, if we do, we can overcome the obstacles and reach our goals.

The Weed and Pest Association is going through similar changes. This is the first year we have not had district meetings and we suffered through the drought of not networking with our neighboring supervisors. It gave us a chance to use the mild weather to make up for some of the rainy or windy days this summer. We will have a chance at the conference to meet as districts, even though it will be a shorter time. Districts will need to elect officers, make commission nominees, and plan summer meetings and tours.

The conference will be at the Crossroads in Huron Feb.19 -21. I hope you all can make it. Be safe out there.

Ron Moehring

Now Accepting

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

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

Ron Moehring
315 7th Ave NE
Watertown, SD 57201

or

Gary Pribyl
19987 Homestead Lane
Wolsey, SD 57384

26th Annual Weed and Pest Conference

February 19-21, 2025

HURON EVENT CENTER & Crossroads Hotel

501 Wisconsin Ave SW, Huron, SD 57350

2025 Weed & Pest Conference Registration Form February 19, 20, 21

Please detach and return by February 3, 2025

Make check payable and send to:

Association of SD County Weed & Pest Bds

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 Conference @ \$175.00 (Wed., Thur. and Friday) \$ _____

(Includes all breaks, 2 noon meal, awards banquet & Friday breakfast)

Add \$50.00 for each registration after Feb 3, 2025 \$ _____

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

LODGING

Crossroads Hotel & Huron Event Center
Headquarters of the Weed & Pest Conference
Call 605-352-3204 for reservations

reservations@crossroadshotel.com 100 4th SW Huron, SD 57350

OTHER LODGING

Best Western of Huron 2000 Dakota Avenue, Huron, SD 57350 605-352-2000

Quality Inn –Huron 100 21st Street SW, Huron SD 57350 605-352-6655

Dakota Inn 924 Fourth Street NE, Huron, SD 57350 605-352-1400

Huron Super 8 Motel 2189 Dakota Avenue South, Huron, SD 57350 605-352-0740

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

Calendar of Activities

JANUARY

- ⇒ Complete and submit annual report.
- ⇒ Begin planning the annual and educational meetings.
- ⇒ Stress use of clean seed.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Review projected grasshopper infestation levels.
- ⇒ Continue treatment of mountain pine beetle infestations.

FEBRUARY

- ⇒ Finalize plans and hold educational and annual meetings.
- ⇒ Contact landowner/operators who have noxious weed and declared pest problems.
- ⇒ Stress use of clean seed.
- ⇒ 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 and grasshopper control.
- ⇒ Continue treatment of mountain pine beetle infestations.
- ⇒ Attend State Weed and Pest Conference.

MARCH

- ⇒ Hold the annual meeting by the third Tuesday in March.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Stress use of clean seed.
- ⇒ Organize and hold meetings to structure cooperative programs for noxious weed, declared pest and grasshopper control.
- ⇒ Continue treatment of mountain pine beetle infestations.
- ⇒ Publish notice of intent to inspect in the county's official newspaper(s) prior to April 1.

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.



Reminder: Annual and Fiscal Reports Due January 31, 2025, to DANR

This is a friendly reminder that the **Annual and Fiscal Reports** for the 2024 calendar year are due by **January 31, 2025**. These reports are essential for tracking progress, ensuring compliance, and completing the state Weed and Pest Annual Report.

- **Annual Report:** This report summarizes your county's weed and pest control activities over the past year, including programs implemented and treatment areas. It is an important tool for both state-level reporting and internal evaluation of your county's progress.
- **Fiscal Report:** This report details your county's financial expenditures and allocations for weed and pest control programs.
- **Work with Your County Auditor:** We strongly encourage counties to collaborate with your county auditor to ensure accurate and thorough completion of the Fiscal Report. Their expertise in financial documentation will be invaluable in preparing an accurate report.
- **Deadline:** All reports must be submitted by **January 31, 2025**, to Jeremiah.Phelps@state.sd.us. Please allow adequate time for review and submission to avoid any delays.

We are here to assist you in ensuring that the reporting process goes smoothly and that your county's efforts in managing noxious weeds and pests are recognized and supported.

Thank you for your continued commitment to managing and controlling noxious weeds and pests in South Dakota.

If you have any questions or need assistance in preparing your reports, please reach out to:

Jeremiah Phelps

Weed and Pest Program Specialist DANR – RC&F

Email: Jeremiah.Phelps@state.sd.us

Phone: 605-295-4910

District Meetings will be held Thursday morning.

District 2 and 4 need officers and

District 3 needs commission nominees.

Agendas for the Conference will follow in a short while.

Noxious Weed Posters

There are still posters available.

If you need some, contact Gary, Brenda, Jeremiah or Nathan.

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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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	Hoodies L & XL	\$ 25.00
Hoodies 2XL	\$ 29.00	Zippered Sweat L & XL	\$ 32.00
Zippered Sweat	\$ 37.00		

All orders received the week before conference can be picked up at the conference and billed when needed.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR