

# 2022 Management Plan

For \_\_\_\_\_ Brown \_\_\_\_\_ County

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George Bruning \_\_\_\_\_, County Weed Director

Specify the goals and priorities of the program for the coming year.

We are keeping a set pattern on our noxious weed plan due to the fact there are fewer CRP acres. Sericea lespedeza has been requiring less effort so we are working to control that. And we are not diminishing our efforts to control the spread of Field bindweed.

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Plant Protection

Specify the goals and priorities of the program for the next five years.

One of my biggest priorities is to find a way to better control Johnsongrass in brome fields and right of way. The chemicals we have are very hard on brome grass and causes erosion, which is worse than the Johnsongrass.

Describe the areas which noxious weed species are known to occur within the county and specific locations of new infestations and areas particularly susceptible to new infestations.

Field bindweed	Right of way
Musk thistle	Right of way and poorly managed pasture
Sericea lespedeza	Mostly in CRP ground but usually surrounded by crop
Johnsongrass	Along riverbanks and right of way
Bur ragweed	
Canada thistle	
Hoary cress	Along highway 73 in a very few spots but is very persistent
Leafy spurge	Along a black top road, been treating it for years
Quackgrass	
Kudzu	
Russian knapweed	

List any non-noxious invasive weed species you plan to control and the types of integrated weed control methods you plan on using on them.

We treat Common teasel as though it is Musk thistle, but it grows in hard to get to places.

List your planned integrated weed management goals and procedures, including but not limited to biological control agent selection and distribution, pesticide selection and application and cultural and mechanical controls.

Biological Controls

Chemical Controls

The use of chemicals per labeled rates

Cultural Controls

I convince land owners to not burn CRP ground in the spring, but to start a late summer burn

Mechanical Controls

We don't mow when seeds are mature, and try to encourage other people to hold off mowing as well.

Estimate the projected personnel, operations, and equipment costs of the proposed program.

Personnel costs	Summer help, Secretary, Director \$4,700 for 200 hrs proposed projects
Operations costs	200 hours at \$50.00/hr. \$10,000 estimate for proposed projects
Equipment costs	200 hours at \$50.00/hr. \$10,000 estimate for proposed projects

List the methods you plan to use to encourage compliance and the enforcement actions you will take if necessary.

I send out no letters as I have found verbal communication is more effective and results are easier to come by. After finding out what is going on with landowners and operators and speaking with them, we can work together to find a solution. Although this can be time consuming, the results are very positive.

List your plans for working with state and/or federal agencies to control the noxious weeds on state and/or federal lands.

Working with farm agencies on CRP spot checks as well as working with city and township governments.

Describe your education and outreach plans for the coming year. Include training and professional development for yourself and your staff. (Attend District meetings? Annual Conference? Recertification?)

Due to the extra work load it has been hard to go to many District meetings. I make sure to attend the annual conference in the spring, but find it difficult to make the summer conference.

List the facilities and equipment available for use in managing the noxious weeds in your county, including a list of the equipment available for rent to the public and the rent you charge.

- \* Noxious weed chemical store room as well as an office in the Solid Waste scalehouse
- \* 2 trucks with 10 x 30 ft. booms as well as hose reels
- \* 1 mini truck with right hand drive, 150 gal tank and hose reel for right of way Field bindweed spraying. Nicknamed Bindweed buggy and operated by summer help.
- \* 1 trailer sprayer for bare ground spray not available for rental

Noxious Weed Department Employees

Name	Title	Years of service in the Nx Wd Dept.	# Jobs within the county
George Bruning	Director of NW and SW	30	2

I certify that this is the official 2022 Management Plan of Brown County

George Bruning, County Weed Director 2-5-22  
Date

[Signature], County Commissioner 2-14-22  
Date

[Signature], County Commissioner 2-14-22  
Date

William Pollock, County Commissioner 2-14-22  
Date