

2022 PRATT COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN

This document replaces the Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan from 2021.

Of the dozen state listed noxious weeds in Kansas, Field Bindweed (FG), Johnson Grass (JG), Musk Thistle (MT), Sericea Lespedeza (SL) and Bur Ragweed (BR) can be found in Pratt County. FB and JG can be found throughout the county, with minimal infestation in the sandy hills of NW Pratt County. MT is found mostly in CRP or pastures and SL mostly in CRP lands. BR is found in the southwestern part of the county, but its infestations are small. Our program will continue to rotate herbicides in an attempt to limit resistance of the weed population in our county.

County Lands: There is really not much change from the 2021 Annual Noxious Weed Report. FB and JG continue to be the primary focus on county roadways. Any noxious weeds found in other county properties will be sprayed to control any spread of the plants. The other three state listed noxious weeds MT, SL and BR are not a problem in county properties.

State Lands: Similar to county roads, primary emphasis will be on FB and JG. The few discoveries of any MT or SL are dealt with immediately to eliminate any possible spreading. The state hi-ways are fairly clean. Continued work with (KDOT) has state hi ways looking good. We will continue to monitor them. The state-owned parks, primarily used for bird watching and hunting are located in the NW part of the county, where there is little noxious weed infestation.

Private Lands: Our cost share program, approved by the county commissioners continues to be used by many landowners. This incentive, as well as our marketing program, has encouraged its continued use and actually increased its usage - based on our annual herbicide sales. We continue aggressively battle MT. Only 1 new infestation was discovered this past year and will be monitored closely. There are a dozen or so sites that just contain a few plants and hopefully can be declared clean in a year or two. SL has been found in a few new locations this year and is being monitored. Continued work with the community is essential as we work to eradicate these noxious weeds.

Cities: The city of Pratt and other cities within Pratt County are responsible for the control of noxious weeds within their respective borders. The Pratt County Noxious Weed Department continues to be available with assistance in this regard.

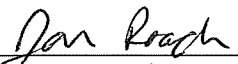
Vegetation and Facilities Management: Much like 2021's bare ground program and other weed infestations will continue to be controlled around county properties, most specifically the road department shop, the landfill, the county lake, the sheriff shooting range, and the area around the weed department office, as well as other areas as requested.

We, the undersigned, certify this is the correct copy of the Pratt County Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan as required by K.S.A. 2-1317:


Chairman, County Commissioner


County Commissioner


County Commissioner


County Noxious Weed Director