

# 2022 Management Plan

For Norton County

Clarence Wetter, County Weed Director

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

We will continue to treat and monitor known infestations and remain vigilant for the appearance of new problems. We hope to place a stronger emphasis, as we did last year, on Johnson grass because we have previously had years when we were unable to treat.

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

As always we will work to reduce populations as time and budget allow.

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Plant Protection

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	Scattered infestations throughout the county in all crop spectrums.
Musk thistle	Scattered infestations throughout the county.
Sericea lespedeza	None known in county.
Johnsongrass	Scattered infestations throughout the county.
Bur ragweed	One small known infestation in the county. We monitor the surrounding area.
Canada thistle	Scattered infestations throughout the county.
Hoary cress	None known in the county at this time.
Leafy spurge	None known in the county.
Quackgrass	None known in the county.
Kudzu	None known in the county.
Russian knapweed	None known in the county.

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.

Phragmites: We may spray them on county property and work to educate the public about them.

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

We do have head weevil present in our county but do not consider it to be a sole means of control.

Chemical Controls

We rely greatly on chemicals as our primary means of control. We apply them on County and State properties. We also do some applications for cities and private landowners and sell to qualified individuals.

Cultural Controls

Mechanical Controls

We do limited amounts of mechanical control on Musk thistle but consider chemical control to be more effective.

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

Personnel costs	\$72,000
Operations costs	\$55,000
Equipment costs	\$15,000

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

I rely primarily on in-person contact to encourage compliance after publication of the General Notice. I will however, and have in the past, followed the Official Recommendations up to and including a forced spraying.

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

We have a contract with KDOT for Noxious Weed control on their properties and Right of Way. We have a good relationship with KDWP and encourage them to implement control practices. We also interact with them about what chemicals are effective.

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?)

Director attends Annual Conference for Recertification.  
Director and helpers attend District meetings.

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.

32x75 building including office  
 2006 F 150 pickup with 140 gallon tank and roadside nozzles and handgun  
 2002 C 2500 pickup with 200 gallon tank and roadside nozzles and handgun  
 1983 CJ 8 Scrambler Jeep with 100 gallon tank and Boom Buster nozzles and handgun  
 1974 Dodge 600 truck with 1200 gallon tank and roadside nozzles  
 2006 Yamaha 4 wheeler with 5 gallon tank and handgun

We do not rent out any equipment.

Noxious Weed Department Employees

Name	Title	Years of service in the Nx Wd Dept.	# Jobs within the county
Clarence Wetter	Director	18	1
Lori Francis	Part-time Helper	5	1
Jeff Jones	Part-time Helper	4	1

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

Clarence Wetter, County Weed Director 3-7-2022  
 Date

Richard Thompson, County Commissioner 3-7-22  
 Date

Scott Byrd, County Commissioner 3/7/22  
 Date

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 Date