

2022 Management Plan

For Labette County

Ralph George , County Weed Director

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

Locate and control the spread of noxious weeds. Continue to make the public aware that the County has a cost share program available, which a coupon is issued to obtain a 25% discount off State, approved chemicals to be used in controlling noxious weeds on private property. Continue to utilize mower operators to help with spraying, which allows their designated mowing areas to sit the required time frame after being treated.

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

See the above

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	Throughout the County
Musk thistle	Throughout the County
Sericea lespedeza	Throughout the County-State line and Big Hill Lake more prolific
Johnsongrass	Throughout the County
Bur ragweed	
Canada thistle	Throughout the County
Hoary cress	
Leafy spurge	
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.

Teasel – getting more prolific throughout the County. We are using Glyphosate to treat it, and mowing in the spring before it blooms.

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	
Musk Thistle- if the Head weevil is present in the head we don't treat that plant	
Chemical Controls	
Adhere to chemical labels and use combinations of several to obtain the best control	
Cultural Controls	
The County does not have the ability or funds to do a Cultural Control Program, but we do promote it thru Agriculture side.	
Mechanical Controls	
Musk Thistle, Canada Thistle and Bull Thistle are dug up and plants destroyed	

Estimate the projected personnel, operations, and equipment costs of the proposed program.	
Personnel costs	\$70,000.00
Operations costs	\$90,000.00
Equipment costs	\$20,00.00 <i>20,000.00 TW</i>

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

Courtesy letters are mailed out and we work with the landowners in obtaining coupons to help control the noxious weeds found on their property.

Enforcement action is at the County Commission discretion

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

Labette County has a good working relationship with the Corp of Engineers in charge of Big Hill Lake, we work closely with their employees in controlling noxious weeds.

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?)

I will be attending the Annual Conference in March 2022. In the process of recertifying my license this year, I will attend the Noxious Weed breakout sessions at KAC in the fall.

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.

- (2) Bay facility with a chemical vault
- (1) 1999 Ford ¾ spray truck
- (1) 2009 Ford ¾ spray truck
- (1) Water Trailer

Noxious Weed Department Employees			
Name	Title	Years of service in the Nx Wd Dept.	# Jobs within the county
Ralph George – Asst. Director Public Works	Noxious Weed Director	32	2
David Dodge	Applicator	7	1

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

_____ , County Weed Director _____
Ken D. Caddis _____ , County Commissioner 21/Feb/2021
 _____ , County Commissioner _____
[Signature] _____ , County Commissioner 2/21/22
 _____ , County Commissioner 2-21-22
 _____ , County Commissioner _____

Attest: *Mena Landis*
 Labette County Clerk

