

2022 Management Plan

For Coffey County

Todd Bemis, County Weed Director

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

Obviously goals are to treat as many acres of noxious weeds as possible on County and State owned ROW's and to assist landowners in their weed control efforts. Also, to cooperate with other County Departments and other agencies.

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

To increase the numbers of acres treated on County property as well as private property.

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	Found on County & State ROW's, fields, pastures, as well as within the city limits.
Musk thistle	Found primarily on County & State ROW's and pastures.
Sericea lespedeza	Found primarily on County & State ROW's and pastures.
Johnsongrass	Found on County & State ROW's, fields, pastures, as well as within the city limits.
Bur ragweed	
Canada thistle	
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.

Common Teasel & Cut Leaf Teasel are both on our radar and are currently being sprayed on County and State ROW's with a tank mix of Milestone (5oz/acre) and 2,4-D (32oz/acre)

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 a population of head weevil within the County. We have the option of transporting to other areas within the County.

Chemical Controls

Chemicals available to the public include: Generic Roundup, 2,4-D, PastureGard, Remedy, Escort, Tordon 22K, Milestone and a few others. We may use any of the above other than Tordon 22K. I feel there are better options with less restrictions and less paperwork.

Cultural Controls

Noxious Weed employees occasionally dig musk thistle plants on ROW's.

Mechanical Controls

Mowing is sometimes implemented in controlling noxious weeds. Primarily on private property but may be a tool used by County employees.

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

Personnel costs	\$205,000.00
Operations costs	\$50,000.00
Equipment costs	\$110,000.00 We plan on using Capital Outlay funds to purchase a new truck/sprayer

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

Publish the General Notice in the official paper. In person visits, phone calls and letters to inform landowners of a noxious weed infestation. Warning Notices and involving the County Attorney as a last resort.

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

We accept the Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds from the State and provide help federally in the way of sprayer rentals and herbicides.

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?)

District meetings are attended as often as possible. Annual Conference is normally attended every year. Hours needed for certification are always exceeded.

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.

The Noxious Weed building is 50 x 100 and was constructed in 1997. 2 trucks are used to spray ROW's. 2018 Ford and 2000 Dodge both equipped with chemical injection. 2-300 gallon rental sprayers are available to the public for \$10.00 a day. A Solo backpack sprayer is available for \$1.00 per day.

Noxious Weed Department Employees

Name	Title	Years of service in the Nx Wd Dept.	# Jobs within the county
Todd Bemis	Director	38	3
Brandee Clark	Office Manager	12	
Todd Serl	Chemical Applicator	14	
Lincoln Stukey	Chemical Applicator	7	

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

Todd Bemis

, County Weed Director 03/10/2022
Date

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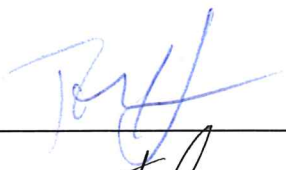
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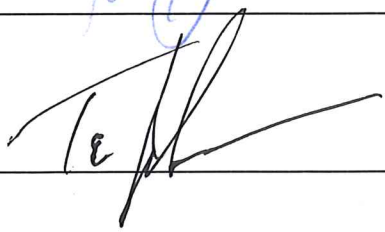
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