

SECTION: AG SERVICE BOARD POLICY

SUBJECT: RESTRICTED AND NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

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1. When a restricted or noxious weed infestation is discovered or reported, a thorough inspection will be conducted by the Agricultural Service Board to determine the area affected and the number of plants present.
2. A Weed Notice shall be issued to the landowner with a copy made available to the occupant, if applicable, and shall be served as outlined under the Weed Control Act. Notification may be provided to the Agricultural Service Board Chairman and affected board member.
3. In areas other than crops where restricted and/or noxious weeds occur, the Weed Inspector shall determine which method will be initiated in order to destroy all plants and plant material present where a weed notice has been issued.
4. When an infestation occurs in a crop, the owner or occupant will have the option to hand rogue the field as many times as the Weed Inspector deems necessary in order to destroy all restricted and/or noxious weed plant material or spot spray the weeds and/or affected plants with a non-selective herbicide registered for control of the restricted weed present. All plant material will be subject to disposal as directed by the Weed Inspector.
5. The other option available when a restricted or noxious weed occurs in a crop where roguing or spot spraying is not feasible, or in the opinion of the Weed Inspector, has not been carried out effectively, will be the total destruction of all vegetation in the restricted weed infested area; firstly through the application of a non-selective herbicide to the entire infested area and/or, by mechanical means approved by the Ag Fieldman.
6. Time is of the essence.
7. Persons failing to comply with this policy will be subject to the provisions as set out under the Weed Control Act.
8. Organic farmers will not be treated any differently.
9. Restricted and noxious weed control will be charged back to the landowner at a rate according to the Asb Policy No. 630.10. For small infestations of the following weeds, the first thirty minutes of labour service may not be charged to the landowner at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman: Knapweed, Nodding Thistle, Scentless Chamomile, Bladder Campion, Blueweed, Burdock, Cleavers, Field Bindweed, Hoary Cress, Hound's Tongue, Leafy Spurge, Ox-Eye Daisy, Perennial/Clasping Pepperweed, Perennial Sow Thistle, Purple Loosestrife, Showy Milkweed, Stork's Bill, Toadflax and Canada Thistle.

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