

Weed and Pest Newsletter



Your Applicator Certification Expiration Date.

Private applicator certification is required before an agricultural producer can purchase or use a restricted-use pesticide. That includes many methods of prairie dog control. If your certificate is going to expire soon, there will be recertification workshops held in Jan. and Feb. in the area. Contact the FRC Extension office, 745-5133, for dates and times. For this or more information contact the SD Department of Agriculture, Division of Ag. Services, 523 East Capital Ave. – Foss Building, Pierre SD 57501 Phone 605-773-4432

Today's Forest Workshops

Friday, Nov. 2 – Spearfish

Saturday, Nov. 3 – Custer State Park Headquarters

The workshop topic is titled "Best Management Practices," and the speakers will be Dr. John Ball, Extension Forester, and Howard Woodard, soil scientist, from SDSU. Best management practices are a set of activities designed to protect soil and water quality during forestry operations.

"With all the changes that are occurring in the Black Hills due to the mountain pine beetle epidemic, people are taking action to stop the beetles and minimize their losses," Said Greg Josten, Forest Health and Stewardship a Administrator in the SD Department. of Ag..

Registration is not necessary but will be appreciated. For more information or to register contact Greg Josten at 605-394-2395 or Greg.Josten@state.sd.us

Prairie Dog Application Chart

Method:	Zinc Phosphide Prairie Dog Bait	Fumitoxin Pellets	Rozol (reapproved for SD, Sept. 2012)	PERC (Pressurized Exhaust – Carbon
	(Poison Oats)			monoxide)
Application Period:	July 1 – Feb. 28	All year round	Oct. 1 – March 15	All Year
How Often:	1 application per season	No restrictions	May do a 2 nd application	No restrictions
Where:	Grasslands and Private	Only on Private Land	Only on Private Land	Only on Private Land
Applicator:	Private / Commercial	Private /Commercial	Private / Commercial	No licenses
Size of town:	Any size	Any size	Any size	Small towns/clean up
Basic application:	Pre-bait and placed	Placed in the hole and	Placed in the hole at	Hose in hole, cover,
	outside the hole	cover	lease 6 inches down	treat for 6-8 minutes
Purchased from:	Chemical distributor	Chemical distributor	Chemical distributor	Leased from Fall River
				County Weed and Pest

The above table holds only general notes about the methods. All applicators should read the full label for each product before applying.

Target Weed for Spring 2013:



Dalmatian toadflax

This locally noxious invasive weed is native of the Mediterranean regions, but has definitely moved into Hot Springs, SD and surrounding areas. It is most commonly found in rangelands, clear cuts, pastures, waste areas, along roadsides and **in many flowerbeds**.

Dalmatian toadflax reproduces by shoots and seeds. It can produce up to 500,000 shoots and 30,000 seeds per plant. Seeds can be spread to new sites in mud on boots and impure materials like mulch, forage and feed grains, crop and grass seed, top soil and gravel.

Early Control Methods: Young individual plants can be dug up or hand-pulled before an extensive root system develops. Small patches should be eradicated with an appropriate herbicide during the rosette/seedling stage or the early bud/pre-bloom stage. Contact the Weed and Pest Office for assistance of identification and herbicide for applications.



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2012 Weed and Pest Board Members:

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Regular Meetings:

The first Thursday of the month 1:00 PM
Fall River Co. Jury Rm.





Conservation
District
2013 Tree
Order Form plus
Helpful information!

Dear Fall River Co. Landowners,

<u>Thank you</u> for being a partner with the county in the control of invasive noxious weeds and pests in the county. We all need to work together to be able to reduce and control the number noxious weeds that we find throughout the county.

Please keep us advised of what you see growing and we will continue to let you know what we see growing in the county. The Weed and Pest staff and Board members would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Nina Steinmetz FRC Weed and Pest Supervisor