

2010 Noxious & Invasive Weeds Conference



Noxious and invasive weeds are a concern and responsibility of all Nebraska residents. Typically introduced as an ornamental or conservation plantings, several species of plants have the opportunity to become noxious or invasive when improperly managed. With proper identification and management, these weeds should be controlled on all properties before becoming overwhelming and expensive issues. This would be the case for Sericea Lespedeza and Phragmites, two

plants focused on at the 2010 Quad County Noxious and Invasive Weeds Conference.

Over 60 participants learned about Sericea Lespedeza, Leafy Spurge, Phragmites, and other noxious or invasive weeds at the Noxious and Invasive Weeds Conference held Wednesday, June 30th in Beatrice.

Participants also were encouraged to view booth displays by the Lower Big Blue NRD, USDA-FSA, Nebraska Environmental Trust, Game and Parks/Northern Tallgrass Prairies Initiative, Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Dow AgriSciences, Chem-Trol, and the Five Rivers Weed Management Area. Live plants were also displayed to help participants identify and learn the characteristics of several Nebraska noxious or invasive weeds.

The Five Rivers Weed Management Area appreciates the participation of all presenters and attendees, the cooperation of the WMA partners, and the funding from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund for making this such a successful conference. More information about the Five Rivers Weed Management Area can be found at <http://5riverswma.com/>.

Highlights

◆ Benefits:

Seven businesses retained
95 Participants

◆ Funders:

NGO's - \$4,880
Local Government - \$6,690
Earth Team Volunteers - \$932



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Our Mission: To educate citizens, develop leadership, and revitalize the area through cooperative partnerships and leveraged resources.

