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Dept. of Roads

Neb. weed control plan works well

Richard W. Gray Jr., agronomist for the Nebraska Department of Roads, reported on the "largest" single weed control program in Nebraska at the 1976 North Central Weed Control Conference Dec. 7-9.

Weed scientists from 14 states and three Canadian provinces participated in the conference.

Gray stated that the Nebraska Department of Roads controls noxious weeds such as musk thistle on the land adjacent to 10,000 miles of roads comprising some 180,000 acres of right of way.

The department's right of way management policy has been effective in greatly reducing the time and money spent on the control of noxious weeds, Gray said. The program consists primarily of seeding to native and adapted grasses combined with a limited mowing policy.

When necessary, such a system is augmented by spraying contracts with some 78 of the 93 county weed control authorities. Most of the spraying utilizes the 2,4-D Amine and the more toxic chemicals are avoided, he said.

The seeding and limited mowing policy has been widely acclaimed by conservationists, bird lovers and wildlifers because of its effectiveness in providing undisturbed nesting and loafing cover for upland game birds. The department has received at least two awards from wildlife organizations for its efforts in this direction.

Though the department has made great progress in lowering weed control costs, every farmer, rancher and lawn owner is aware that it does cost real money. The department spends about 60¢ per acre annually or a total of \$90,000 to \$120,000.

Gray summarized the program as based on good turf maintenance, proper management, judicious use of chemicals and continuous cooperation with county weed control authorities and the department's thousands of "neighbors."