



Weed & Pest Happenings

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Events:

- BOARD MEETINGS : 6:30 pm
July 9: Weed & Pest-Pine Bluffs
Aug 6: Weed & Pest-Pine Bluffs
Sept 10: To Be Determined
- Budget Hearing-Weed & Pest
FY 2020/2021: 7/9/20 6:15 pm
- 12th Annual Spray Day at
Pine Bluffs-July 18th

CLOSED:

July 3, 2020 (Happy 4th)
July 22, 2020 Cheyenne Day
Sept. 7, 2020 Labor Day

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Personal Protective Equipment

During these CoVid-19 days it seems you can't go anywhere without hearing about masks, a.k.a. personal protective equipment (PPE).

It is important to reduce exposure to any pesticides or herbicides by protecting yourself. These are guidelines only! You **MUST** read and follow the product label for the specific PPE requirements of the product you plan to apply. **The label is the law!**

Generally, PPE items include chemical-resistant gloves, waterproof shoes with socks, long sleeve shirts, long pants, and protective eyewear. Other items such as a chemical-resistant apron and safety goggles may be required when mixing and applying certain pesticides. In rare circumstances, a respirator may be required.

Always wash your PPE with detergent, hot water, and separate from the other laundry. Remember Always Read The Label!!!

Puncturevine

Puncturevine that nasty little weed more commonly known as "goatheads". Goathead burs have long, sharp, and strong spines which easily penetrate surfaces such as bare feet, bike tires, shoe soles, and attach to animals. If you have ever stepped on one with your bare feet, you certainly understand.

Puncturevine is an annual broadleaf weed and germinates in spring & summer from seeds from the prior years. It can produce 200-5,000 seeds per year. The seeds are viable for 4-5 years. Problem! It also has a 5-petal yellow flower about ½ inch wide.

With a deep tap root and an extensive root system, puncturevine aggressively competes for water and nutrients in the soil. The plant grows low to the ground and forms a thick carpet. It is most often found in dry or gravelly sites like roadways, but it can form in pastures, cropland & yards as well.

So, what to do ... the best control method is to remove and dispose of the plant before seed production. Mowing is not an option. 2,4-D or glyphosate can be used according to the rates and timing on the label. 2,4-D will not hurt your grass or lawn if mixed properly but keep away from trees and other desirable plants. Glyphosate will kill everything it is sprayed on. Therefore, always read and follow the label instructions!