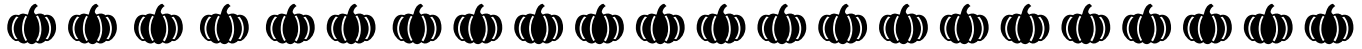


# Weed & Pest Happenings

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## CHEATGRASS . . . Everything you always wanted to know . . .

Here we are in the fall season. Where did summer go?

So cheatgrass a.k.a. downy brome is a big problem and here is some good information:

- Cheatgrass is a winter annual grass. It germinates in autumn, over winters as a seedling, then flowers in spring or early summer.
- It enters disturbed areas and quickly spreads through rapid growth & prolific seed production by wind, animals, & as a contaminate in hay, grain, straw & machinery.
- It has a fibrous root system with a few main roots that are not more than a foot in the soil but has wide spreading lateral roots which are effective at absorbing moisture.
- Cheatgrass will grow in almost any type of soil with very invasive behavior.
- When using herbicides, the two most important facts to increase success in controlling cheatgrass are application timing and residual soil activity.
- Application can be pre-emergence in the fall, early post-emergence in early spring as a seedling, and late post-emergence in late spring when it is mature.
- Pre-emergence application is preferred since it is less likely to harm native grasses.
- Talk with us about the best herbicide, it's qualities & costs to use on your property.
- Cheatgrass is a noxious weed on Laramie County's Declared Weed List.
- We will cost share on the herbicides you purchase for spraying cheatgrass, and we also have cost share available if a custom applicator sprays for you.

Laramie County Weed & Pest can help. Just give us a call at (307) 245-3213.



### EVENTS:

Board meetings @ 6:30 p.m.  
Oct. 5, 2023 @ Archer  
Nov. 10, 2023 @ Archer  
Dec. 7, 2023 @ Archer

### OFFICES CLOSED:



Oct. 9, 2023, Columbus Day  
Nov. 10, 2023, Veteran's Day  
Nov. 23 & 24, 2023, Thanksgiving  
Dec. 25, 2023, Christmas



Cheatgrass

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