

# Weed & Pest Happenings

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#### **Events:**

• Board Meetings:

April 4: Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne May 9: Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne June 6: Weed & Pest-Pine Bluffs

• CLOSED:

May 27, 2019 Memorial Day

Easter: April 21, 2019 Mother's Day: May 12, 2019 Armed Forces Day: May 18th Flag Day: June 14, 2019 Father's Day: June 16, 2019

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## Is It Too Cold or Rainy To Spray?

Just because the sun is shining and the rain is gone does not mean it is the best time to spray herbicides.

For the most efficient use of herbicides, noxious weeds need to be actively growing which occurs during a certain temperature range. Typically, the best temperature to spray is between 65 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Always check the product label for the optimum temperature.

Herbicides require active metabolism in order to move throughout the weed and translocate to the required site of action.

Another consideration is the amount of time between the spray application and any rain for the herbicide to be rainfast. In other words, the time required for the herbicide to perform effectively and not be washed off by the rain. Always read and follow the label directions!

Please call the Pine Bluffs office at (307) 245-3213 for any assistance with weeds or answers to any questions you may have.

## **Geyer & Plains Larkspur**

Geyer and Plains Larkspur are both on the Laramie County Declared Noxious Weed List.

Larkspur is a perennial with hollow stems and tuberous woody roots. Geyer Larkspur flowers are purple and the Plains Larkspur flowers are white to pale blue, both with a distinct spur pointing backward. Seeds are in the upright flower pod.

Larkspur flowers in early spring (May-June) and is one of the first rangeland plants to appear in the spring. It contains several alkaloids which are highly poisonous to cattle. Sheep and horses are less likely than cattle to be poisoned. Unlike most poisonous plants, larkspur is highly palatable. The level of toxicity greatly decreases after seed dispersal but the seeds remain poisonous.

Geyer Larkspur is the most common larkspur found in Laramie County, Wyoming.