



# Weed & Pest Happenings

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## Events: (See website calendar)

- BOARD MEETINGS : 6:30 pm  
Oct 7: Weed & Pest-Archer  
Nov 4: To Be Determined  
Dec 9: To Be Determined

## CLOSED:

October 11 Columbus Day  
November 11 Veteran's Day  
Nov. 25 & 26 Thanksgiving  
December 24 Christmas  
December 31 New Year's Day

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## **Prairie Dog Problems ?**

Black-Tailed Prairie Dogs are a State designated pest. Laramie County Weed & Pest is able to help landowners prevent, control, or contain the prairie dogs through the sale of Rozol Prairie Dog Bait which is available from **November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> only**. Bait can only be used within that time frame as well.

Rozol Prairie Dog Bait is a Restricted Use Pesticide therefore you need a commercial or private applicator's license to purchase and use it. It is for use only on rangeland and adjacent non-crop areas.

Prairie Dog control improves rangelands and grazing. Control should be done immediately and treat the population repeatedly if needed for the best results.

Remember to always **READ** the label before using! The label has the instructions for application, site assessment, grazing restrictions, follow-up, and non-applicators.

## **Hairy Golden Aster**

A little known but becoming a more prevalent weed is Hairy Golden Aster. It is found mostly in meadows and rangeland. They are found from low to high elevations. This tough little sun lover is drought tolerant once established. It reproduces from its seeds.

Hairy Golden Aster is a perennial forb growing 1 to 3 feet high on stems that are hairy with long grayish to whitish hairs. The stem color has a purplish hue.

An abundance of small, bright yellow flowers cover the plant from late spring through fall. The flowers are a branched cluster of 10 to 20 flower heads atop the stem. The flower heads are 1 to 1-1/2 inches wide.

The leaves are also hairy and twisted erratically. The light and dark green to olive and sage green leaves frequently have a strong, pleasant, spicy smell.

Without an effective weed management plan, the Hairy Golden Aster will take over and crowd out the native grasses and plants.