

What is the Weed Free Forage Program?

The *North American Weed Free Forage* (NAWFF) program was established by the federal agencies as a pro-active program to reduce the spread and introduction of new weed infestations on public lands. These standards were developed by the North American Invasive Species Management Association. The U.S. Forest Service, Yellowstone National Park and the Bureau of Land Management have issued policy orders requiring the use of “Certified” Weed Free Forage for use on public lands. The NAWFF certification inspection standards have been accepted as a regional program that includes most states west of the Mississippi and Canadian Provinces.

The Weed Free Forage program is a voluntary program. Forage producers may request their lands to be inspected for the **54 weed species** listed as prohibited as well as *any other state or local species of concern (see back cover)*. The species prohibited on the NAWFF list include annuals such as mustards and wild oats. Inspection must take place **BEFORE** the field is cut.

Individuals wishing to have their fields (and surrounding areas) inspected for Weed Free Certification will be charged a \$50.00 inspection/administrative fee per visit regardless of the number of fields or acres inspected for one renter or landowner. This fee applies to each cutting or visit regardless of whether or not the field meets minimum certification requirements of the program. If only a portion of the field meets certification standards, that portion must represent a minimum of 50% of the total field. For complete guideline standards visit: www.naisma.org/images/WFFStandards.pdf

Please call our office at 307-754-4521 10 days prior to cutting.



Individuals that have met the certification standards for WFF will be issued a certificate. This certificate allows that producer to purchase *certified* colored twine from their local Weed and Pest District.



All farm products sold in Park County must have a *Park County District Wide Quarantine* release. Both the buyer and the seller are responsible for compliance and may be fined if in violation.



The District Wide Quarantine states that all landowners must control noxious weeds on their lands to prevent them from spreading to the detriment of others. *This requires that all farm products being grown in Park County must be inspected for the 25 Wyoming Designated Noxious species in addition to the 11 County declared species.* The landowner must obtain a quarantine release **BEFORE** the crop is harvested and moved off the land on which they were grown. This includes all row crops and forage crops. The only exception is forage being processed for livestock and being fed on the same land (without accessing any “public” roadways) on which it was grown.

The requirements for being released from the District Wide Quarantine are that the producer use any method to control the movement of propagating parts of noxious weed. This can include mowing, cutting, roguing, cultivating, spraying with pesticides, or any other method that prevents any viable seed or root parts from being moved off the land on which it was grown.

*If you plan on selling or moving farm products off the property where it was produced, contact Park County Weed and Pest so that we may perform this required inspection! **Perennial small seeded legumes will require a separate inspection for Quarantine Release! Call 2 weeks before harvest.***

WY Designated Noxious Weeds

Field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*)
Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)
Perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*)
Quackgrass (*Agropyron repens*)
Hoary cress (whitetop) (*Lepidium draba/L.pubescens*)
Perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*)
Ox-eye daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*)
Skeletonleaf bursage (*Franseria discolor*)
Russian knapweed (*Centaurea repens*)
Yellow toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*)
Dalmatian toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica*)
Scotch thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*)
Musk thistle (*Carduus nutans*)
Common burdock (*Arctium minus*)
Plumeless thistle (*Carduus acanthoides*)
Dyers woad (*Isatis tinctoria*)
Houndstongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*)
Spotted knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*)
Diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*)
Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)
Saltcedar (*Tamarix spp.*)
Common St. Johnswort (*Hypericum perforatum*)
Common tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*)
Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)



*Producers wishing to sell forage from fields certified through the University of Wyoming Seed Certification are still required to bring documentation into Park County Weed and Pest in order to obtain the certificate to sell that forage as **Certified Weed Free**. This is done at a one time fee of \$30.00.

Park County Declared Noxious Weeds

Black henbane (*Hyoscyamus niger*)
Bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*)
Common mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*)
Flixweed (*Descurainia sophia*)
Redstem filaree (*Erodium cicutarium*)
Showy milkweed (*Asclepias speciosa*)
Chicory (*Cichorium intybus*)
Lanceleaf sage (*Salvia reflexa*)
Wild four o'clock (*Mirabilis nyctaginea*)
Blue Mustard (*Chorispora tenella*)
Dames rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)

For more information on the Certified Weed Free Forage program:



Weed Free Forage and Park County Quarantine

