

Weed Division Tasks

The Weed Division is divided into three different types of work. They are as follows:

Landowner Education and Compliance

Two year-round staff members work with landowners throughout the year seeking compliance. Their responsibilities include:

- Working with landowners to identify noxious weeds and other vegetation
- Develop management plans with integrated pest management techniques
- Offer cost-share money for chemical treatments of noxious weeds
- Assist landowner with sprayer calibration
- Make suggestions on seed mixes, when asked
- Enforcement of the Weld County Code, Chapter 15 in conjunction with the Colorado Noxious Weed Act. These laws require certain noxious weeds to be eradicated or controlled.

Roadside Spraying Program

The roadside spraying operation utilizes three specialized spray trucks designed for roadside spraying in the County's right-of-way. A fourth truck is used for bare-ground applications. There are also multiple pick-ups set-up for handgun work only.

Weld County is divided into three regions and each truck is assigned an area. When the trucks are spraying the operators are only targeting specific noxious weeds. These trucks travel 10 to 12 mph when they are in operation.

Some species are not on our targeted list, these include sunflower, cocklebur, puncturevine, kochia and Russian thistle; unless these species pose a visibility safety issue. Most roads are covered twice in a season.

The typical season starts in April and ends in October.

Roadside Mowing Program

Again, Weld County is divided into three regions and each tractor is assigned an area. The roadside mowing focuses on the paved roadsides. Each paved road is mowed twice a year. The mowing season runs from late May through October.

Annually, the three mowing tractors cover approximately 2900 lane miles in Weld County during the season.

A boom mower is attached to a tractor each winter to help clean up tumbleweed piles and other vegetation along gravel roads.