

# **Kansas Noxious Weed Law**

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# Responsibilities under the Weed Law

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## ■ Advisory Board

(K.S.A.)

- Review the state weed management plan and recommend changes and updates
- Recommend changes to the weed list;
- Recommend changes to the noxious weed act and regulations;
- Recommend changes to the official methods for control; and
- Report to the secretary on:
  - (A) The expenditure of funds on weed control;
  - (B) the status of the weed control programs;
  - (C) recommendations best use of funds for weed control;
  - (D) recommendations on long-term weed control needs.

# Responsibilities under the Weed Law

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- **Department of Agriculture**  
(K.S.A. 2-1315 to 2-1317)
  - Determine which weeds are on the noxious weed list
  - Approve employment of weed supervisor
  - Adopt and publish species control programs
    - Herbicides listed for cost-share
  - Enter agreements with federal agencies
  - Provide annual report, general notice and management report forms

# Responsibilities under the Weed Law

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- **County Commissioners**  
(K.S.A. 2-1316 & 2-1322)
  - Hire Weed Directors
  - Determine cost share policy
  - Purchase and maintain equipment and chemicals
  - Determine county option weeds
  - Maintain records

# Responsibilities under the Weed Law

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- **Weed Directors**

(K.S.A. 2-1316, 2-1318 & 2-1331)

- Cooperate with KDA
- Annual report and management plan by Mar. 15
- Conduct a survey of noxious weeds by Oct. 31
- Check DriftWatch before spraying.
- Consult, advise and render assistance to landowners
- Investigate or aid in the investigation and prosecution of violations

# Funding of Weed Law

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- **K.S.A. 2-1318**
  - Separate levy
  - May set aside money from general fund for noxious weed control
  - Noxious Weed Fund – Only for noxious or county weed control
  - Based on inventory of weeds in county

# Cost-Share Herbicides

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(K.S.A. 2-1318 & 2-1322)

- Only for noxious weeds
- Only for taxpayers
- If the mil levy or its equivalent for noxious weeds is less than 1.5 mills - must sell at 50 to 75% of the county's cost (including storage & handling)
- If the mil levy or its equivalent is equal or greater than 1.5 mills - sell at 75 to 100% of the county's cost (including storage & handling)
- County may adopt a cost share certificate system

# Unlawful Acts

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(K.S.A. 2-1325 to 2-1329)

- Sell, offer for sale or give away infested screenings
- Sell, barter or give away infested nursery stock etc.
- Custom harvest machines must be clean and labeled
- Sell, offer for sale, etc., infested livestock feed unless processed to destroy the viability of weed seeds
- Feed infested livestock feed except on the farm where grown





# Kansas Noxious Weed Regulations

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1. Cost Share Chemicals List
2. Official Control Programs
3. County Weed Director Employment
4. Noxious Weed List
5. Annual Report & Management Plan Requirements

# Noxious Weed Regulations

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- Noxious Weed List
  - Recently moved from statute
  - 12 species
  - 3 tiers

# 12 Statewide Noxious Weeds in KS

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## Category A

Leafy spurge

Hoary cress

Russian knapweed

Pignut

Quackgrass

Kudzu

## County option

At the county's discretion  
with the Secretary's approval

## Category B

Canada thistle

## Category C

Field bindweed

Musk thistle

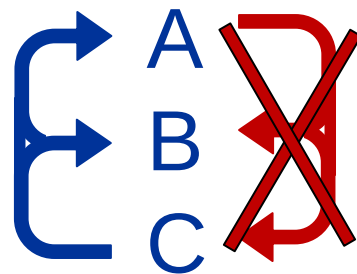
Sericea lespedeza

Johnsongrass

Bur ragweed

# Kansas Noxious Weeds

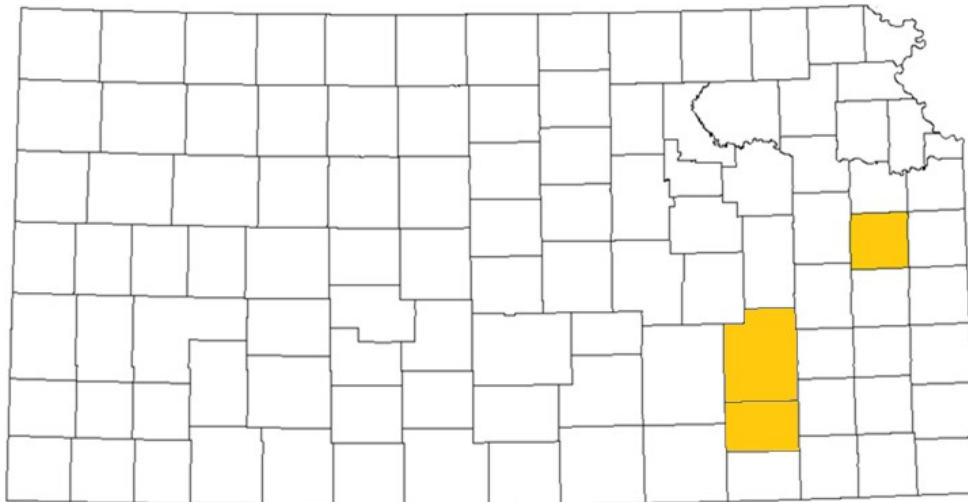
A county weed director may require control and eradication measures more stringent than those set forth in the tier descriptions if the weed director determines it is necessary to do so



# Kansas Noxious Weeds

- County-option Weeds

Cut-leaf teasel – 2 County  
Common teasel – 3 County  
Caucasian bluestem – 1 County



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