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Idaho's Noxious Weeds

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture is responsible for administration of the State Noxious Weed Law. The State Weed Coordinator and the other program staff provide support, training, and organizational assistance to the counties and Cooperative Weed Management Areas throughout the state. A Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) is a distinguishable hydrologic, vegetative, or geographic zone based upon geography, weed infestations, climatic or human-use patterns. CWMA's are formed when the landowners and land managers of a given area come together and agree to work cooperatively to control weeds. Idaho has 40 CWMA's, which are part of the ISDA cost-share program (the majority of the funding comes from federal sources). These CWMA's have developed integrated weed management plans to effectively address the noxious weeds in their areas.

In 2007, Idaho added an additional 21 weeds to the noxious weed list. There are now 57 official noxious weeds in Idaho. This list can be accessed at:

<http://www.agri.state.id.us/Categories/PlantsInsects/NoxiousWeeds/watchlist.php>

The University of Idaho maintains an easy-to-use tool that provides current information about noxious weeds in Idaho. The website provides assistance with identification, biology, and integrated weed management practices that can be used to plan effective control. This tool is available online at:

<http://www.uidaho.edu/weeds/FRA/FRA.htm>