

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:

- To inspect forage and grain fields before harvest to verify that there are no **propagative** plant parts of noxious and invasive weeds.
- To stop the spread of noxious weeds in public lands and other areas where forage, bedding or mulch are used.
- To offer a quality product produced in Alaska for those who purchase and use forage, bedding or mulch.
- To add value to products produced locally, through interest in weed free forage.
- Certain public lands have areas that require weed free forage, bedding and mulch, if available. Until now, weed free products have not been available in Alaska. We are offering a new service to producers.

CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

- The producer may schedule inspections through their local Soil & Water Conservation District (see back of brochure).
- A “Weed Free Forage Certification Inspection Request Form” must be completed before the field can be inspected. The producer must supply the field number, legal description, number of acres to be certified, requested date of inspection and estimated yield.
- Inspections must be scheduled within 10 days of the date the producer plans to cut the forage. The forage **must be cut within 10 days** of the inspection date. If unable to cut within 10 days, the field must be re-inspected.
- After cutting, the producer must notify the inspector of the cutting date and bale count for each field. When this information is received, a “Certificate of Inspection” will be completed and given to the producer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Participating Districts:

Fairbanks SWCD
Kenai SWCD
Palmer SWCD
Salcha-Delta SWCD
Wasilla SWCD



Recognized Noxious Weed List:

These plants are designated as noxious by the North American Weed Management Association (NAWMA). Certification will be shown by using a specially colored twine.

Absinth wormwood	Bermuda grass
Buffalobur	*Canada thistle
Common burdock	Common crupina
*Common tansy	Dalmatian toadflax
Diffuse knapweed	Dyers woad
*Field bindweed	Hemp
Henbane, black	Hoary Cress
Horsenettle	Houndstongue
Johnson grass	Jointed goatgrass
*Leafy spurge	Matgrass
Meadow knapweed	Medusahead
Milium	Musk thistle
*Orange hawkweed	*Oxeye daisy
Perennial pepperweed	Perennial sorghum
*Perennial sowthistle	Plumeless thistle
*Poison hemlock	Puncturevine
*Purple loosestrife	*Quackgrass
Rush skeletonweed	Russian knapweed
Scentless chamomile	Scotch broom
*Scotch thistle	Sericea lespedeza
Silverleaf nightshade	Skeltonleaf bursage
Spotted knapweed	Squarrose knapweed
St. Johnswort	Sulfur cinquefoil
Syrian beancaper	Tansy ragwort
Toothed spurge	*Wild oats
Wild proso millet	*Yellow hawkweed
Yellow starthistle	*Yellow toadflax

*Of special concern in Alaska

Alaska Weeds of Concern List:

The Alaska Weed Free Forage Certification program will separately certify that forage is free of these propagative plant parts.

Certification will be shown by using a specially designed tag.

Garlic mustard	Japanese knotweed
Hempnettle	Bird vetch
Wild buckwheat	Narrow leaf hawksbeard

For inspection appointments and local information, please contact your nearest Soil & Water Conservation District Office:

Fairbanks SWCD	479-1213
Kenai SWCD	283-8732
Palmer SWCD	745-1441
Salcha-Delta SWCD	895-4241
Wasilla SWCD	357-4563

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