

Why we fuss over weeds

Loyal readers might notice a recurring theme in this magazine – weeds.

As the person who assembles the articles for each issue, I ask myself, “Are we overdoing the focus on weeds?”

The answer is a resounding “no!”

Weed identification, prevention, and control are a major recurring interest in feedback from all of our surveys and workshops. Weeds can adversely affect wildlife habitat and native ecosystems, forage production for livestock, property aesthetics, soil erosion, water quality, and even relationships between neighbors.

Understanding and controlling weeds continues to be a primary focus of this magazine, along with an array of topics we believe germane to our audience. As always, we are continuously looking for article ideas and ways to improve the publication, and we welcome your feedback.

Two years have quickly passed since I took over as magazine coordinator, and it is time to turn over the helm to University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service small-acreage coordinator Jennifer Thompson for the Winter issue. Jenny is a master gardener and has a master’s in plant sciences; she helped start this magazine and is perhaps the staff person most responsible for the entire small-acreage program.

She also surveys and collects all the information regarding reader interests and provides vital feedback to the Small-Acreage Issue Team. Since we plan the magazine content months in advance, Jenny is working on the lineup for the Spring and Summer issues of 2011.

Please contact her with your questions and comments for upcoming issues. She can be reached at (307) 745-3698 or jsjones@uwyo.edu.

It has been an honor serving this community – thank you, readers, for your kind words of support!



Tony Hoch