

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture

Article 8.—Noxious Weeds

4-8-44. Designation of noxious weeds.

(a) Pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1314 and amendments thereto, the weeds designated noxious by the secretary shall be placed in the following categories:

(1) Category A noxious weeds, which are weed species that are generally not found in the state or that are found limited in distribution throughout the state;

(2) category B noxious weeds, which are weed species with discrete distributions throughout the state; and

(3) category C noxious weeds, which are weed species that are well established within the state and known to exist in larger or more extensive populations in the state.

(b) Category A noxious weeds shall be subject to control efforts directed at excluding the noxious weeds from the state or eradicating the population of noxious weeds wherever detected statewide, in order to protect neighboring lands and the state as a whole. Category A noxious weeds shall include the following:

(1) Hoary cress, *Lepidium draba*;

(2) leafy spurge, *Euphorbia virgata*;

(3) quackgrass, *Elymus repens*;

(4) Russian knapweed, *Rhaponticum repens*;

(5) kudzu, *Pueraria montana* variety *lobata*; and

(6) pignut, *Hoffmannseggia glauca*.

(c) Category B noxious weeds shall be subject to control wherever populations have become established within the state and subject to control efforts directed at eradication wherever populations are not established. Category B noxious weeds shall include Canada thistle, *Cirsium arvense*.

(d) New populations of category C noxious weeds shall be subject to control efforts directed at reducing or eradicating those populations. Known and established

populations of category C noxious weeds shall be managed by any approved control method. Category C noxious weeds shall include the following:

- (1) Field bindweed, *Convolvulus arvensis*;
- (2) musk thistle, *Carduus nutans*;
- (3) sericea lespedeza, *Lespedeza cuneata*;
- (4) Johnsongrass, *Sorghum halepense*; and
- (5) bur ragweed, *Ambrosia grayii*.

(e) Any county, city, township, or district weed supervisor or any official of another government agency may require the most stringent control measures specified in this regulation for any noxious weed, regardless of the category in which this regulation places that noxious weed, if the county, city, township, or district weed supervisor or government agency official determines that it is necessary to do so based on the results of the survey provided pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1316, and amendments thereto.

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 2-1314 and 2-1315; effective March 26, 2021.)

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