

FARIBAUT COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED PROCEDURE

MN Statutes Chapter 18, Sections 18.75 to 18.88

(1 – 5 will be completed by the Local Weed Inspector – Municipalities and/or Townships)

1. Problem areas are identified in the county by completing weed tours by local weed inspectors.
2. Complete Noxious Weed Inspection Report (Form A) along with map identifying location of weed problem.
 - Area 1 - If the area(s) identified is enrolled into CRP or other USDA program, the completed form must be submitted to the Farm Services Agency (FSA). FSA has its own process that needs to be followed when weeds are reported on lands enrolled within their local programs.
 - Contact information: FSA - PO Box 185, Blue Earth, MN 56013
 - Phone # 507-526-3282
 - Area 2 - If area(s) identified are within a county or county state aide highway, the completed form must be submitted to the Faribault County Highway Department.
 - Contact information: John McDonald, Co.Engineer – 727 East 5th Street, Blue Earth, MN 56013
 - Phone # 507-526-3291
 - Area 3 – Areas not within the township or county jurisdiction. (State managed areas, Railroads, etc.) Complete the Noxious Weed Inspection Report and submit to the County Ag Inspector.
 - Contact information: Faribault County P&Z – 415 South Grove, #8, Blue Earth, MN 56013
 - Phone # 507-526-2300/2388

(If Form A has been forwarded to any of the contacts identified in areas 1-3, the township responsibilities end here)

3. If area identified is not in areas 1, 2, or 3, make a courtesy call, and send or give a copy of the report to the landowner.
4. Complete a follow up visit in 10 working days to check if weeds have been controlled or eradicated. If weeds have been controlled, document on Noxious Weed Inspection Report (Form A) and retain for your records.
5. If no action was taken, Complete Follow-Up Visit section on the Noxious Weed Inspection Report (Form A), indicating that weeds have not been controlled and forward to the County Ag Inspector for further action. Send both Inspection Reports and the location to:
**Faribault County Planning and Zoning Office.
415 South Grove Street, Suite 8
Blue Earth, MN 56013**
6. The County Ag Inspector will give a courtesy call to the landowner in violation to check if weeds have been controlled and to let them know that if weeds are not controlled in 10 working days, they will be issued an Individual Notice to Control or Eradicate Noxious Weeds. (Form B).
7. The County Ag Inspector will re-visit the site after 10 working days. If weeds have been controlled, it will be documented on the Inspection Report and retained for our records.
8. If no action was taken to comply with an individual notice served on the person or an individual notice cannot be served, the county may eradicate the weed problem and an administrative penalty will be charged against the current landowner.