

## NEWS RELEASE

FROM: Brian P. Moore, P.E., Weed Commissioner  
RE: Noxious Weeds

Wapello County's Weed Commissioner, Brian P. Moore, P.E., announces that the deadline is July 1, 2004 for the destruction of noxious weeds in Wapello County. This includes weeds on farmland, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands, and land within the limits of cities.

The Weed Commissioner and his Deputies will be checking the County in the near future for compliance. Those persons not controlling their weeds in compliance with Iowa's Weed Law will be notified to use an appropriate method to eradicate the weed problem. Failure to do so can incur penalties including, but not limited to, daily fines for non-compliance, the Weed Commissioner and his Deputies or employees entering upon lands to control the weed problem, with all costs borne by the LANDOWNER. Iowa law provides these assessments can be attached to the tax rolls for collection. In all cases where penalties are assessed, the weed control will still be required to be implemented.

Weeds may be destroyed in any manner appropriate to prevent seed production, and shall include mowing, pulling, burning, cutting, or spraying.