

NDDA Approval of Grasshopper Control Programs in Rights of Way Involving State Funds Along State Highways

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If state funds are involved then the control plans must be approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture (NDCC 4-33-11).

1. County must designate a pest control coordinator.
2. County must have a Pest Control Agreement with the ND DOT (Contact DOT District Office)
3. County pest control coordinator must submit SFN 16145 – Request for Approval- Grasshopper Control Plans for Road Rights of Way. (Available from NDDA)

Conditions

1. Pesticide used must be one labeled for use on forage crops so that the forage may be cut and used for hay.
2. Applicator must have proper commercial certification.
3. Control plans must include county and township rights of way also
4. Scouting must occur to verify economic infestation.
5. Treatment must be applied prior to presence of adult grasshoppers. Requests after July 1 have poor chance of approval.

Other Conditions

- Written notice must be provided to all landowners or tenants, or both, of all land adjacent to the rights of way to be treated. Notice must include approximate date of treatment, name of pesticide, restrictions on the harvest and use of treated forage.
- Any landowner or occupant of land adjacent to the road right of ways to be treated giving notice opposing the treatment – that right of way must be excluded from treatment.
- Applications must be made according to pesticide label and in compliance with state and federal pesticide laws.

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