



Provincial Invasive Plant Species Identification Guide Now Available

The Saskatchewan Forage Council is pleased to announce the completion of a *Saskatchewan Invasive Plant Species Identification Guide*. Modeled after the original guide created for Southern Saskatchewan by the Frenchman-Wood River Weed Management Area this updated and expanded publication will be a key educational resource for all producers and industry personnel. It will equip the industry with a hands-on tool to aid in the identification and prevention of invasive plant species in Saskatchewan.

The *Saskatchewan Invasive Plant Species Identification Guide* has been designed for agricultural producers, land managers, and visitors to Saskatchewan. Producers and land managers play an important role in invasive species prevention and management as they are on the ground everyday, acutely aware of changes on the landscape. Visitors to the area often have a keen eye for the vegetation they are seeing. Visitors need to be aware of the threat invasive species pose so that these plants are not brought into, spread, or transported out of the area.

The guide includes an overview of 28 invasive plant species that are all a threat to the province of Saskatchewan. Each species is listed with colourful images of different plant development stages to aid in visual identification. Information is provided for each species that highlights common names and a general description of plant colour, root type, leaves, stems, height, flower and time of flowering, habitat, distinguishing characteristics, and potential impact.

This identification guide was made possible through a partnership of the Saskatchewan Forage Council, the Frenchman-Wood River Weed Management Area, the Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission, Crossing the Medicine Line Network, and True North Specialty Products, with input from numerous industry partners.

Copies of the *Saskatchewan Invasive Plant Species Identification Guide* are available by contacting the Saskatchewan Forage Council or online at:

http://www.saskforage.ca/Coy%20Folder/Projects/Invasives/Resources/ID_Guide_2010_Online_Lg.pdf

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