



Noxious Weed Free Forage And Straw Inspection Service

The Noxious Weed Free Forage and Straw Program is an effort by public land managers to reduce the amount of feed and bedding materials brought onto public lands that may be contaminated with seeds or other plant parts of noxious weeds. The effort reduces the potential of a noxious weed infestation on public lands.


Ada County can inspect and certify your crops as Noxious Weed Free for a small fee to cover labor and supplies. Our interest is in serving the citizens of Ada County and in keeping Ada County a better place to live, work and play.



Noxious Weed Free Forage ensures healthy ecosystems.

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GPS data are collected during inspections.

In order to limit the spread of noxious weeds on federal forest and public lands, Ada County works together with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's (ISDA) Noxious Weed Free Forage and Straw program to inspect forages and straw.

Ada County has state certified inspectors who will inspect your forage or straw field before your crop is harvested to determine whether the crop will be eligible for certification.

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The Inspection Process:

To have your forage or straw crops inspected, first schedule an inspection with Ada County Noxious Weed Control. Our crews must inspect the commodity **before** you harvest it to make a determination regarding its certification. There is an inspection fee based on the number of acres you wish to have inspected. If your commodity passes, we will order bale twine or bale tags from the ISDA on your behalf so your products may be identified as having passed the inspection. An additional fee for the bale twine or bale tags will be applied to the total due to Ada County.



Livestock grazing on noxious weeds is a major vector for weed propagation.

Certification:

There are two different standards that may be applied to your forages. One allows the product to be used only within the state of Idaho. The other allows your crop to be transported to various states within the

Western United States. If your forage or straw is contaminated with noxious weed seeds or other plant parts that could cause the spread of noxious weeds onto public land, your crop will not be certified under either certification standard. Furthermore, the crop is **NOT** allowed on public lands as discussed in the National Forest Service, Intermountain Region Closure Order.

Idaho Code lists 64 plant species as noxious weeds because of the plants' potential to threaten public health, crops, livestock, public lands and/or private property.

The weeds displace native plant species and can become permanent fixtures to our local lands if not properly controlled.



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