

38. WEED CONTROL

We support:

1. Seeking to improve the enforcement of the Illinois Noxious Weed Law.
2. Efforts by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) to restrict the importation and sale of viable Niger Thistle seed.
3. Providing information to counties on the process by which weeds can be classified as noxious.
4. Seeking to improve the purity of crop and bird seed and sterilization of all weed seed included in bird seed to deter the spread of viable weed seed.
5. Working with the Farm Service Agency and other governmental agencies in developing an effective eradication program for multiflora rose.
6. The development of a control program for autumn olive and bush honeysuckle, and seek the necessary funds from the state and federal government to adequately eradicate the weed.
7. Legislation to require all governmental agencies to develop, coordinate, and implement proper management practices to control the population and spread of noxious and other weeds on all their properties.
8. Working to add Shattercane, Bull Thistle, Tall Thistle, and Poison Hemlock to the Illinois Noxious Weed List.
9. Encouraging the IDOA to notify the county boards whenever there is a change to the Illinois Noxious Weed Law and/or rules.
10. USDA requiring that seed for program acres be free of pesticide resistant weed seed such as Palmer Amaranth.