

# **Noxious Weed Regulations**

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## **.02 Definitions.**

A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

B. Terms Defined.

(1) "Department" means the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

(2) "Noxious weed" means an annual, biennial, or perennial weed or plant that adversely affects or threatens agricultural production.

(3) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary's designee.

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## **.03 Noxious Weed List.**

The Secretary has determined that the following weeds and plants are noxious weeds in this State:

A. Johnsongrass (*Sorgham halepense*);

B. Shattercane (*Sorgham bicolor*);

C. Canada Thistle (*Circium arvense*);

D. Musk/Nodding Thistle (*Carduus nutans*);

E. Plumeless Thistle (*Carduus acanthoides*);

F. Bull Thistle (*Circium vulgare*);

G. Palmer Amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*); and

H. Tall Waterhemp (*Amaranthus tuberculatus*, *A. rudis*).

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## **.04 Programs and Practices to Control and Eradicate Noxious Weeds.**

A. The Secretary may institute programs or carry out practices necessary for the control and eradication of a noxious weed on public or private lands, including, but not limited to, mowing and spraying.

B. The Secretary may enter into agreements with a county or other political subdivision of the State, including a soil conservation district, to implement a program for the control and eradication of noxious weeds. These agreements may allow the Department to provide technical assistance and oversight by a noxious weed program administered by the county or other political subdivision of the State. The Secretary also may enter into agreements with an adjoining state or an agency of the federal government to implement a program for the control and eradication of noxious weeds.