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❖ **TREE SALE**

Spring planting weather is upon us, don't miss your chance to purchase the surplus stock in person on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>! Come visit us from 9am – 4:30pm on either day. For a full list of availability, visit our website <https://asotincd.org/tree-sale-2/>.

❖ **ANNUAL MEETING & PESTICIDE CREDIT COURSES**

The District's annual meeting was a great success! We had a large attendance made up of cooperators/landowners, agency partners, county commissioners, and staff. Program updates were given by NRCS, FSA and ACCD. Afterwards everyone engaged in social conversations over a delicious dinner catered by Gram's Kitchen.

Special thank you to the sponsors that helped make our event happen!

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Another special thank you to Nez Perce BioControl Center for hosting a great tour for the facility. Thank you to Dr. Drew Lyon, WSU Endowed Chair Small Grains Extension and Research, Weed Science and also Dr. Steve Van Vleet, Research Agronomist at The McGregor Company for presenting during the in-house pesticide recertification course.

❖ **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ELECTION**

The ACCD mail-in election was conducted on March 14. Eligible voters have "unofficially" re-elected Rod Hostetler for another three-year term. The election will become official when the Washington State Conservation Commission certifies the election results at their May Commission meeting.

❖ **EQUIPMENT RENTAL**

Even with fresh snow on the ground, it is the perfect time to think about spring chores. Whether your project is big or small, ACCD has the right size equipment available to rent! The goal is to assist livestock producers with manure management projects.

- Large-scale manure trommel
- Large-scale manure spreader
- Small-scale manure spreader

To learn more about our equipment, rental program, and to schedule spring manure spreading, contact [tony@asotincd.org](mailto:tony@asotincd.org) or 509-552-2615

❖ **COMMON CRUPINA**

Common Crupina (*Crupina vulgaris*) is a Class A listed noxious weed species in Washington. Common crupina is adapted to a variety of soil types and can form dense stands that decrease forage. It grows in fields, rangeland, roadsides, and forests.

Common crupina is a winter annual that grows up to 3 feet tall and germinates in fall and winter. The first two leaves (cotyledons) are rounded, green and shiny often with a purple mid-vein. Stem leaves are alternate and lobed appearing lace-like with stiff bristles on the margins. Stems are green and have short stiff spines and are ridged. Flower heads are purple, thin and vase shaped with tapering bract at the base. Flowers are in clusters of 3 to 5 at the end of branched stems. Seeds are barrel-shaped and approximately 0.14 inches long with brown-black bristles (pappus) occur on one end like a dandelion seed. Common crupina only reproduces by seed. Hand pulling is effective but must be completed throughout the growing season. Herbicide is the most effective control method. For the best control, use a selective broadleaf herbicide such as aminopyralid or 2,4-D. It is not known to be toxic, but it is on the Washington State quarantine list. It is prohibited to transport, buy, sell, offer for sale, or distribute plants or plant parts within the state of Washington. Common Crupina is also federally listed as a noxious weed.

Asotin County has a small known population of common crupina but it is not wide spread throughout the county. If you think you have seen this plant or have any questions, please contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119 or [kodie@asotincd.org](mailto:kodie@asotincd.org).



**UPCOMING DATES**

- ***Tree & Plant Sale – March 21<sup>st</sup> & March 22<sup>nd</sup>***
- ***ACCD Board Meeting: April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm***
- ***Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting: April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm***

**FUN FACT!**

While thunderstorms can happen at any time of the year, they are more likely to happen in the spring than during other seasons. One reason for this is that spring has the right conditions for thunderstorms to develop — warm, moist air and a lot of moving air currents.



Annual Meeting was another great success!



Nez Perce BioControl Center Tour.