



## REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Noxious Weeds – Five Year Rule Review

The rules in this package have been reviewed pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Revised Code and are being proposed as follows. **The comment period will remain open through April 27, 2018.** Comments may be emailed to [ecomments@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:ecomments@agri.ohio.gov) or mailed to Legal Section, Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

Ohio Administrative Code rule 901:5-37-01 establishes a list of prohibited noxious weed species. This list of noxious weeds established by the Ohio Department of Agriculture is used by the Ohio Department of Transportation, boards of county commissioners, township trustees, and street commissioners of a municipal corporation in order to control the growth of such species in their respective jurisdictions. Typically these entities utilize this authority to prevent these species from encroaching onto roadways and right-of-ways to ensure rider safety.

The rule has been reviewed by interested stakeholders and is being amended to remove Wild Carrot, Oxeye daisy, and Wild mustard from the list of plant species. Additionally, the following species are proposed to be added to the list:

- Yellow Groove Bamboo (*Phyllostachys aureasculata*), when the plant has spread from its original premise of planting and is not being maintained.
- Field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*).
- Heart-podded hoary cress (*Lepidium draba sub. draba*).
- Hairy whitetop or ballcress (*Lepidium appelianum*).
- Perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*).
- Russian knapweed (*Acroptilon repens*).
- Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*).
- Hedge bindweed (*Calystegia sepium*).
- Serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*).
- Columbus grass (*Sorghum x almum*).
- Musk thistle (*Carduus nutans*).
- Forage Kochia (*Bassia prostrata*).
- Water Hemp (*Amaranthus tuberculatus*)

