

Around the Homestead Podcast
Homestead Weed Control
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Welcome to around the Homestead podcast, where we share information on topics from gardens to goats,

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our aim is to provide small farmers and landowners valuable education on projects that may arise around the homestead.

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Whether you have been on the homestead all your life or you had just began the farm lifestyle,

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we hope you garner helpful tips to make your lifestyle most rewarding.

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Now here are our host Brad McGinley and Shaun Rhodes. All right.

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Hello, and welcome to the Round Homestead podcast. I'm your co-host, Brad McGinley, county extension agent in Grant County.

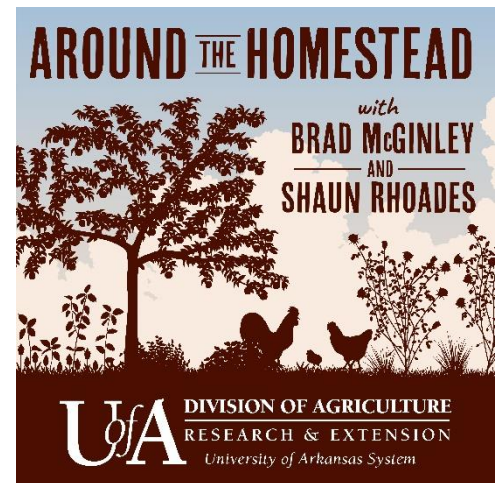
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Got my fellow co-host Shaun Rhodes is over in Scott County. How's the weather looking over there in Scott County today, Shaun?

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Oh, it's pretty today. Uh, actually sunny and pretty, probably going to be 60.

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So things are looking good. That means they're probably going to get bad.

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I don't know. They're calling for a little snow by Saturday evening.

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So that's how it goes here this time of year. You've heard that term.

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That's how we Arkansas. You know, that's that's that's what happens in Arkansas.

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But you know, speaking of sunny weather, when we get those sunny, warm days,

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those weeds start to pop up and that's what we have planned to talk about today and today.

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We've got a very special guest with us. We've got Mr. Blair Griffin, who is a county extension agent in Johnson County with us today,

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and Blair is the weed control extraordinaire for the state of Arkansas.

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Do you need to know how to control a weed? Blair is your man.

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There's only one problem with that is Blair is getting close to retirement,

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so we wanted to have him on our show before he gets out of here and gets into retirement.

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Good to have you, Blair. Oh, thanks for having me on, Brad, how are you and Shaun doing?

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Oh, we're making it, we're making it, we're getting by. And you know,

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Blair is getting that time of year where really one of the first things we need to

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talk about is in weed control is the importance of timing and controlling weeds.

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And even though you know it's amidst the wintertime, we still can make some work on controlling weeds right now.

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Yes, and timing is everything. You know, I get you and you guys experiences, too.

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I always say the the number one thing I get calls on is fire ants, and probably number two is spurweed.

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But the problem is most of our spur weed call calls, you know, we get them in May when the Spurs are there.

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And that's why I mean, that's when people start talking and they want to know how to control them.

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And you know, as is, as you deal with it and said, I'm close to retirement.

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So I say this. I just get where I tell people in May I say, Look, just call me next February,

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I'm not going to waste my time or yours to tell you how to control spur weight in May,

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when you really need to do it in January or February, just call me next year and we'll come up with a game plan.

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And when you're dealing with spurweed, we once it comes up early, is always better than later.

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One reason is the smaller the weeds are, they're easier. They are to control.

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And and you know, when you're doing a lawn weed control, do the irregular pattern of yards and shrubs and shade.

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And you know where the kids play and the dogs run you.

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You really need more than one application or want one time out there to get it under control.

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And so you spray early, you'll see what you missed and you still have plenty of time to get back in there and spray again.

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Yeah, timing is really critical, and right now, I know Blair, you and I recently just sprayed a spur weed demonstration.

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If you look, if you've had spur weed in the past, you think it might, it's not there during the wintertime.

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If you know what to look for and know how to look for it, it's there.

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Yes. And you know, we, you know, like you said, we sprayed.

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I think it was back in December and you sometimes you get on your hands and knees and start looking and and you know,

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we all get the calls from the people that say, Well, I sprayed last year and now you're telling me I've got spurweed again.

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And, you know, I tell people, you know, I mean, I've got a background in weed science.

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I lived in the same house for 14 years. I spray my yard every year for spurweed.

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But yet you're not fertilizing yet. I still have super weed and you know, it's not something that goes away really easily.

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If you've got any bare spots in your yard, it's going to show up once it shows up one year.

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If you don't control it, you're back to probably having a severe problem the next year.

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So it's not a one time deal or a one year deal.

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It's a long term project. You know, one thing I'll make you do is, you know, most people, when they call me, it's sticker weed, right?

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So what we're talking about is anytime in the spring and summer,

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if you walk out there barefooted or lay down and you get all these stickers and these sign sticking, it's spur weed is what what you have, right?

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Yeah, we're not talking about sandbars and, you know,

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say sandbars are are much more painful and a lot harder to kill and a lot more expensive to kill.

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Yeah. Yeah, that's a good point, Shaun. So Blair, I know it's kind of wintertime.

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Is there any other, you know, wintertime light winter weed control options or considerations we ought to take into account this time of year?

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Well, you know, to me, our three biggest probably calls we get in Turf

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Weed control our spur weed than Dallas Grass and crabgrass but Dallas and crab or summer grass is probably the other thing.

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You know, if you look at it, a herbicide jug or granular herbicides, it a big box store or even a co-op, you know,

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you would think the world's worst weed was dandelion, but that's the picture on every container you'll ever see.

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Now we do have dandelion in Arkansas, but it's probably not our biggest concern.

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Probably our second biggest one either be little blue grass or henbit. Hetbits.

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The weeds got a little purple flower on it. We see it this time of year.

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It's one you see in well-maintained lawns. It will pop up.

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So you know there are some other winter weeds we can control.

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Most of the products we use there, what we call broad spectrum, they're going to kill.

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Things other than just spurweed, so so we do have some options out there for things to control.

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Let's talk about products just for a second. As far as control and spur weed and some of these winter annual weeds,

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what would be a recommendation for a homeowner that has spurweed and want to start controlling it?

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What would be some considerations in some products I need to think about?

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Probably the first product I recommend to, you know, you're across the board homeowner, whether it's, you know, a retired person,

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a housewife is tremec or one of the three way broadleaf herbicides that have 2,4-D, dicamba and MCPP.

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they're sold by a million different names. But if especially if you deal with a co-op or good ag supply store and you tell them you want,

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trimec a homeowner combined in quart bottle, it'll be a safe across the board on your different lawns.

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St. Augustine, zoyzia It's pretty safe around your vegetation, your landscape since you don't have a garden, and it should be safe around that.

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And as long as you use the label Rate, follow what the label says,

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it's kind of kind of hard to screw it up from a herbicide standpoint, so that's usually what I always recommend first.

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Now the one disadvantages is at the use rate.

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Sometimes it takes two applications to get rid of spurweed.

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So I will caution you on that. I say, I see.

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All right. So you mentioned some of the other weeds, you know, crabgrass Dallas grass, those kinds of things that you get calls on.

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Talk a little bit about controlling those and talk about a little bit about the different types of products.

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You know, we talk about pre emerge post emerge. We talk about that.

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We talk about pre-emerger crabgrass. But what does that really mean?

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OK, so pre-emerge means we're going to control the weeds, you know, prior to them emerging.

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So like spurweed, we, you know, right now we get people call and say,

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I want to put out a pre emerged for spur weed will spur weed has already emerged, so we're in the post emerge stage.

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If you were going to control spur weed emerge, you have had to put something out in September, you know,

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right now or in February, when we typically put our pre emerges out for crabgrass, it hasn't emerged yet.

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We're going to put a herbicide out to keep crab grass from coming up post emerge after it's emerged,

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you can see the weeds you're putting on a product, kill a standing weed that's a post emerge product.

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So pretty. And it's hard to get people in the mindset by crabgrass in the middle of July.

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They want to put out a pre emerge. Well, you got to put out spray emerges in in February before it ever comes up.

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And that's a hard one for people to understand. Yeah, those are all good considerations.

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What about, you know, one thing we hadn't talked about as a winner burn down application.

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If you have a Bermuda grass lawn or something like that, that's something we would recommend.

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You know, for a burndown application. Yes. If if a homeowner has a good sprayer and understands calibration,

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we typically use the glyphosate products for a burndown and the theory behind it is your Bermuda grass is dormant in the northern half of the state.

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That's not a problem this year, you know, with 60 degree days and on Christmas or 70 degree days,

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I'm sure in Scott County or Grant County, you could find some green patches of Bermuda grass.

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So, you know, most years, it's not a problem this year might have been.

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But we do a dormant application and I have to say it'll do an excellent job on just about anything that's green in your yard in the wintertime.

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And so typically with the Bermuda grass lawn, anything green this time of year is a weed.

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So we want to basically turn our yard brown this time of year.

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And you know, I always joke, I tell people to say, Look, go, go buy a bank, go pick out a bank in town that has a good long care service.

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They've got a Bermuda grass lawn. There won't be a green thing out there.

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It'll just be a six stand up Bermuda grass. And that's, you know, if you want a Bermuda grass lawn, that should be your goal this time of year.

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So something like glyphosate does an excellent job on little blue grass.

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Lot of the said hand hand spur way, dandelion red, dead nettle, all those what I call winter junk weeds that we want to get rid of.

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Sure. So, you know, you mentioned if you've got a good sprayer in calibration,

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we really haven't talked about equipment and safety and those kinds of things for homeowners spray and wise,

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but we probably need that to kind of touch on what type of equipment you're going to need if you're planning on,

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you know, spray in your yard or whatever like that, what type of equipment or looking at what would we recommend?

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Well, I prefer the the tow behind fifteen to twenty five gallon sprayers usually have

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two to three nozzles on them and broadcast across five to 10 foot swath area.

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That's preferable. It's it's easier to apply herbicides with something like that than, say, a one gallon pump up sprayer.

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Mm. You know, if you have a one gallon pump up sprayer, you can do it.

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Wait, the the like a bottle of trimeric will have a conversion on there for a pump sprayer.

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But obviously, you know, unless you have a tiny lawn,

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you're going to have problems doing a good job of of doing a uniform application and not having skips.

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Things like that makes it a lot tougher than with the bigger sprayers.

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Usually, most of those bigger sprayers will cover a half an acre and like I said, you can just do a good job of a uniform application.

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OK. Sounds good. Let's talk a little bit about management after you weed control.

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What are some fertility mowing, and height? All those kinds of things that we need to think about after we've got or weeds control.

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You know, no one's get a soil test. You know, you can't stress enough, it's still free, so there's no reason for someone not to bring it in.

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Once we have a good soil test, we can, you know, we tell them what they need to do, whether it's pH issue or potash.

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Get them straight on that With southern lawns. We need to remind them.

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Weed and feeds don't typically work because you need to be doing weed control now.

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You don't need to be fertilized now. You know, we typically put out our fertilizers first of April, May.

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Somewhere in there weed control now. So let's get your weed control going.

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You will always want to. Your goal should always be improving your lawn.

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I go back to that bank lawn. A good, thick lawn is your best insurance for weed control.

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So, you know, just kind of push your lawn. Now my simple fertilizer program is just, you know, do a good mix fertilizer early April or May,

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and it may be one or two applications of nitrogen during the summer to push your yard along.

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I don't like to go crazy. I've got a big yard. I don't like mow a lot, so let's keep it simple.

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But but make sure it's based on the soil test as far as mowing goes, you know our recommendation is you.

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You can start with your mower set kind of low.

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And as the summer moves on, you move your mower blade up by the end of the summer into the fall,

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you want your mower blade up probably two inches, three inches on the yard.

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That helps give you winter coverage, so simple things like that can help help you in weed control and once again make your yard thicker.

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Yeah, those are all the considerations. You know, you mentioned our website earlier, Blair.

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We have a lot of great information, some publications that you actually help help write and put together on our website.

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And that website is www.uaex.uada.edu

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We even have a web page strictly dedicated to spur weed.

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If you want to go on there and look at that website, a web page is strictly dedicated to spur weed control,

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so there's a lot of great information on our website. And just just briefly changing gears here, Blair, just quickly.

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You know, this is around the Homestead podcast and you know, a lot of these people that are out there,

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they have a small farm and they have, you know, a couple of small pastures or something like that.

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And and we do get weeds and pastures from time.

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And, you know, they may have a weedy pasture and they want to start, you know, start with weed control when they're in their small pasture.

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What are some considerations that we should should recommend to them if they want to start controlling weeds in their small pastures?

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Well, you know, go back to timing. To me, the spring or, you know, January, February,

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March application of a broad leaf herbicide in our pastures and Hay Meadows is the single most important

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management thing you'll do if you don't get the weeds out of your pastures and you know where cattle.

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There grazing out there, they're going to affect your stand and reduce your stand, you're always going to have broadleaf weight control problems.

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The though this winter, broadly extremely aggressive, if you don't get them under control,

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it suppresses your summer growth, which is when we typically you know you're in Grant County, Shaun's in Scott County.

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I'm in Johnson County. We're not in big fescue areas, so we've got to get our summer forges a good competitive advantage.

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In the way to do that is get the broad leaves out of the way so that that's extremely important.

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You know, 2,4-D been around, probably for 60 years. It's still an effective.

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Economical herbicide will not kill your white clover.

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So, you know, if you haven't been doing a lot of spraying the basic broadleaf, weed control is just to get out,

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get after with 2,4-D really you we're at the middle of January, where right now from now till about into February is an ideal time to spray.

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You know, one of the problems we deal with is rainfall, temperature and wind.

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As far as rainfall goes, if there's no rain in the forecast for the day your spray and get out and spray,

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for the most part, that herbicide will dry on the leaves of those weeds.

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It'll work. So, you know, I always get people that say, Well, it's supposed to rain tomorrow, and I'll think, well, spray today.

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Don't worry about it. The next thing is temperature. Our recommendation is a 50 degree day.

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But you know, if I have a good 40 degree day with no wind or rain in the forecast, I'm going to spray.

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If it's cold, things don't work as fast, but they still work. And last but not least, probably the most serious weather issue we face.

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My opinion is the wind, you know, legally with 2,4-D,

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I think if it's over five miles an hour, you're not supposed to spray.

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And with problem with wind is you get a lot of off target or your your herbicides not getting on what you're trying to kill.

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So that's the one that probably affects me more than anything, and I think it affects our producers.

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If you start spraying now and you wait for days when it's not windy, you might be done by the end of February,

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even on those small operations, so that that means the biggest consideration.

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If any, if you wait to march, you might as well forget it. Yeah, yeah, that know, that's it.

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Once you get to March, it's going to take you three months to get done.

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So I like to start early.

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And you know, once again, if you miss some spots or maybe you have a spot where there's a way that your herbicide control that specific,

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we'd still have plenty of time to get back in there and treat again.

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Yeah, those are good considerations and things they thought it also had to, you know,

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I want to tell our listeners is, you know, when we talk about pet products for passengers, that's different.

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The products that you would use may be a little different than what you would use in your home lawn.

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Yes. And it may take licensing to get some of those products.

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If you're going to be using products like 2,4-D in your pasture and you're in a commercial agriculture situation.

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You have to have your private pesticide applicator license. You can get that through our office.

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There is a fee for that training and you'll have to apply for your license through the State Plant Board.

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But those are all considerations when you move up from the out of the homeowner,

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which you can consider the general use pesticides into the restricted use pesticides.

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You do have to have a license to purchase and use those in your in your farming operation.

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Yes. And and, you know, we've already touched on it, but whether it's its home lawn, weed control or forage weed control.

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You know, we deal with people and they say, well, I sprayed what you said and it didn't work and and I always go back to, you know,

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when I'm doing presentations or talking, you know, the first thing I always say is,

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let's make sure the spurweed we you're talking about is the spurweed I'm talking about.

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It's not sandburs, so weed id is crucial and we have we have plenty of tools available, whether it's publications or on the website or cell phones.

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People can send you or e-mail you a picture and make sure we're talking about the right way to weed out.

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The next is timing. Once again, you can't kill Spurweed in June and expect to get control.

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And then last not least, its calibration mixing, you know, those things are aren't done correctly.

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Yeah, we might miss the boat on the on our we control, but proper I.D. timing and calibration there.

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There are really I'm not going to say very few, but we can control 95 percent of the weeds out there in lawns and in pastures,

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you know, fairly economically with with ninety five to 100 percent success.

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If we just follow those basic rules, you yeah, those are all good things and your local county extension agent can help you with all of those.

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So I would encourage you if you're thinking about, you know,

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you have a weed in your lawn or in your pasture and you're thinking about, you don't know exactly what it is.

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You know, don't spend hours on your computer trying to figure out what it is.

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Contact your local county extension agent, snap a picture, email it to them,

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and they can help you identify that if they can help, if they can identify that,

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they can contact one of us that can contact Blair before he retires, of course,

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or somebody else in our organization can help you get that weed identified.

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And that's, you know, that's the most important thing is you can't control a pest, and if you don't know what it is, right?

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And so we can help you with that and get that on in with calibration as well, especially if it's a pasture situation and you're going to be,

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you know, you've got to spray a small sprayer on your tractor or even in your, you know, your side by side or whatever it is.

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We can help you with that calibration and help you get that under control and make sure you're putting out the amount of product that you need to do,

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right? And you know, uh, the the thing I would encourage people is is not, you know, not not to be afraid of spraying.

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It's it's, you know, in this day and age with the information that's available, you know, whether it's and you know,

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you think back to a new hobby you picked up or working on, you know, Shaun works on old tractors or there's just a ton of information out there.

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There's no reason to be scared of it. We can do a good job of helping you put together a good, safe, you know, program that that,

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you know, if you if you think if your goals are to have a better lawn we, sure help you do it.

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Sure. Sure. John, you got anything to add before we get out of here for the day.

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No, not really. It's that all sounds good. It's just it reminds me I've got to get to doing some spraying, you and me both.

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Yeah, it's that time of year was sneaks up on you real quick.

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Yet they have that short window of application. It seems like something always pops up during that time.

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Oh no, that's it. But anyways, Blair,

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we appreciate you joining us for the day and we hope that you have success in your retirement and we look forward to speaking with you after that.

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But anyways, we appreciate, you joining us today? You bet.

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I enjoyed it. All right. Again, we appreciate you joining us for around the Homestead podcast today.

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Again, our website is www.uaex.edu

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Excuse me, www.uaex.uada.edu I'll get it right.

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They recently changed our website, so man, read my mind around that. But old habits die hard and they do.

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They do, they die hard. So we get a lot of great resources on there.

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Reach out to that final contact your local county situation.

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They'll be happy to help you until next time. We'll see you around the farm.

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We hope you enjoyed this episode of Around the Homestead podcast to learn more about today's topic.

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