

Ramada Inn in Kearney was the site of the 66th annual Nebraska Weed Control Association Conference on Feb. 11-13. Michael Dolezal, Perkins County weed superintendent was in attendance.

Presentations on Tuesday included: Pesticide rates and measurements by Abe Smith of Dow AgroSciences; history of the NWCA by Rob Schultz and Bob Schwartzkopf; water projects and Republican River issues by Mike Clements; BNSF Railroad by David White; Pheasants Forever by Pete Berthelson; early detection and rapid response on the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge by Mark Lindvall; and pulse of the Plains by Michael Forsberg.

Wednesday's speakers were: The Niobrara High School Purple Loosestrife Project; weed resistance to herbicide by Robert Wilson of UNL Extension; a Farm Bill update by Adrian Smith's representative Ken Rahjes; Nebraska's Changing Landscapes by Jim Stubbendieck; The Nature Conservancy's Wildfire Burns by Rich Walters; and History of the Noxious Weed Act by Mitch Coffin.

Tuesday evening included the annual banquet and awards ceremony; Wednesday noon was the annual NWCA business meeting and luncheon.

An exam must be passed each day to receive required continuing education hours.

The next opportunity for continuing education will be at Spring Training in Hastings at Central Community College on April 2-3.