

[15] Pacific Northwest Extension Activities On Jointed Goatgrass. Joseph P. Yenish*, Roland Schirman, Doug Schmale, and Eric Zakarison, Washington State University, Pullman.

The National Jointed Goatgrass Research Program is a USDA-CREES program initiated to address a serious weed to the western wheat producing areas of the western U.S. Extension outreach has been a main focus of the National Jointed Goatgrass Research Program since its initiation. Initially, the focus of the extension program was awareness of the problem of jointed goatgrass infestations in winter wheat. An intensive kickoff of the program began in 1996 with grower seminars held at three locations intended to increase awareness in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. A slide presentation and video tape were produced for county based extension faculty to use in their extension programming. The website, www.jointedgoatgrass.org, was developed to post current information. Additionally, an exhaustive literature review was conducted and a list of articles posted on the website. Over time, a number of articles designed for popular press publication were developed. These articles were updated over time as additional information became available. A series of extension bulletins have been developed which include an introduction to the problem along with information on jointed goatgrass ecology, genetics, gene-flow with wheat, control tactics and best management practices for its management in the Great Plains, Intermountain, and Pacific Northwest wheat producing regions. Over the years, the research program has worked closely with wheat growers associations of the affected states. A most recent program included developing a series of published inserts for the major grower publications of the Great Plains and Pacific Northwest wheat producing regions. These inserts have proved to be extremely effective. While the National Jointed Goatgrass Research Program is reaching its end, it is hoped that the information produced by program and the management programs developed will continue to be refined and improved with time. It is the wish of the research program that outreach for these continued efforts will effectively be done through the website.