



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendments made to Chapter 901:5-37 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

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-way's 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*).

The hearing will be held on:

August 8, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

**Ohio Department of Agriculture
Bromfield Administration Building
Hearing Room 129 (Seminar "A")
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.**

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the no change rule package may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both,



may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the no change rule package, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

More information on the rule package, including a business impact analysis and copies of the rules, can be found by visiting the [Department's Administrative Rule](#) page or by visiting the Register of Ohio at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

Any person who wishes to present his position, arguments, or contentions in writing, other than at the public hearing, may do so by either mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; by email at ecomments@agri.ohio.gov, or by transmitting by facsimile at (614) 995-4585. Written comments sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written comments transmitted by facsimile shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

