

LEAFY SPURGE

(*Euphorbia esula* L.)

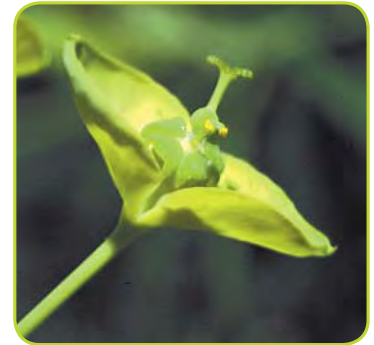


State Noxious Weed List: **Yes.**

Leafy spurge was once the most difficult noxious weed to control in North Dakota and infests all 53 counties. Scientists at the North Dakota Agricultural College (NDAC) recognized leafy spurge could be a problem soon after it was first identified in the state, growing along a Fargo street in 1909. However, the plant was not added to the state noxious weed list until 1935, when leafy spurge was found growing in all but 10 counties. The largest single infestation at that time was estimated to be 193 acres in Foster County.



Latex is found in all plant parts



True flower



Leafy spurge gall



Aphthona lacertosa



Aphthona nigricutis