

2-1315. Control of noxious weeds; control districts; duties of secretary; cooperation of secretary, county agents and county weed supervisors; rules and regulations. The secretary of agriculture is hereby empowered to decide and adopt methods as official for control and eradication of noxious weeds and to publish such methods, and to make and publish such rules and regulations as in the secretary's judgment are necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act, and to alter or suspend such rules and regulations when necessary. The secretary of agriculture may establish not to exceed five noxious weed control districts within this state and define the boundaries of such districts. Such districts shall be established to provide for the most efficient control and eradication of noxious weeds and for the most economical supervision by the state. The secretary may designate any county as a sericea lespedeza disaster area to provide for the control and eradication of sericea lespedeza within such county. The secretary shall consult with the board of county commissioners of any county prior to designation of such county as a sericea lespedeza disaster area pursuant to this subsection.

The secretary may consult, advise or render assistance to county and city weed supervisors as to the best and most practical methods of noxious weed control and eradication. It shall be the duty of the county agricultural agent to cooperate with and assist the county weed supervisors in an intensive educational program on weed control. The secretary of agriculture is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with any agencies of the federal government for cooperation in the control and eradication of noxious weeds in Kansas in keeping with the provisions of this act.

History: L. 1937, ch. 1, § 2; L. 1957, ch. 7, § 1; L. 1965, ch. 435, § 3; L. 2002, ch. 37, § 1; L. 2004, ch. 96, § 1; July 1.