

(2) ~~Knowingly--contaminate~~ CONTAMINATE any uninfested land with Johnson grass OR THISTLE through the movement of rootstocks, seed, soil, mulch, nursery stock, farm machinery, or any other ARTIFICIAL medium.

~~(b)--Each-landowner-or-person-who-possesses-and-manages--the-land--shall--mow,--cultivate,--or-treat-with-chemicals,--or-use-any-other-practice--prescribed--by--the--Secretary--as--effective--in-preventing--seed-set-on-all-Johnson-grass-OR-THISTLE-infestations-on-his-property-~~

(B) EACH LANDOWNER, INCLUDING A LANDOWNER OF PUBLIC LAND, OR PERSON WHO POSSESSES AND MANAGES LAND INFESTED WITH JOHNSON GRASS OR THISTLE SHALL PREVENT SEED SET OF JOHNSON GRASS PLANTS OR FULL FLOWERING OF THISTLE PLANTS ON THAT LAND BY MOWING, CULTIVATING, TREATING WITH APPROVED HERBICIDES, OR BY USING ANY OTHER PRACTICE PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY.

9-405.

Every failure to comply with the provisions of this subtitle shall be reported to the State's attorney for the county in which the violation occurs. The State's attorney shall prosecute all violations and bring an action to enjoin any nuisance. However, a landowner or other person who possesses and manages the land may enter into a written agreement with the Secretary of Agriculture which sets forth a program for the eradication and OR control of Johnson grass OR THISTLE, and if all the terms and conditions of the agreement are met, there is no violation of this subtitle as to the land covered by the agreement.

[9-501. .

The existence of thistles belonging to the asteraceae or compositae family is declared to be a public and common nuisance.]

[9-502.

A person who owns, or possesses and manages land shall make a reasonable effort to prevent thistle seed set as provided in this subtitle through mowing, the application of an approved chemical, or any other accepted practice as defined by the Secretary.]

[9-503.

Before the Secretary reports any violation of this subtitle to any State's attorney, the person against whom prosecution is contemplated shall be given reasonable notice of an alleged violation of this subtitle and an opportunity to adopt an approved thistle control program.]

[9-504.