



North American Weed Management Association

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The **North America Weed Management Association (NAWMA)** is a grass roots organization that was created for “on the ground land/weed managers”. We have several programs, one in particular is a preventative program aimed at inspecting and transporting weed free materials. This program started as the “Regional Weed Free Forage Standards/Program”. The standards were created to make sure areas receiving hay and straw meet a minimum weed free standard. Commerce was the intent of transporting these products. The product may not be without weeds entirely but has no propagating parts. The program does not guarantee the North America Forage Standards quality by the Hay Marketing Task Force.

In 1997, NAWMA was invited by some agencies to review, create, and house these minimum standards. After agreeing to house the standards, several States and Provinces were invited to enter into a MOU or letter of support with NAWMA to make sure everyone was using the same standards. We now have 22 States, 2 Counties, and 1 Province accepted into the program. We are working with additional Provinces and States.

The minimum standards include:

Inspection procedures

Inspection forms

Transit forms

Tags if used

Specific colored twine

Weed list

The weed free forage standards are on the NAWMA website: <http://www.nawma.org/WeedFree.html> NAWMA has a checklist that is used to insure the proper minimum standards are being followed. The intent is to make sure everyone is following the standards and that the product can be traced back to the field of origin.

The weed free forage program is now expanding into the weed free materials/gravel/sand etc. It is a different program since the material is not necessarily weed free. A seed bank may be present in the gravel/materials. This program can also be viewed on the website. For questions on this program or to find out other information about NAWMA please go to the website. **<http://www.nawma.org>**