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ISDA Publishes 2011 Invasive Species and Plant Health Report

Agency Battles a Diverse List of Invaders that Threaten Idaho Agriculture, Landscapes and Natural Environments

Boise, ID— The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) Division of Plant Industries serves the public interest in many ways, including surveys for invasive pests and diseases that threaten Idaho's agriculture and natural resources.

Invasive threats to Idaho include aquatic weeds and mussels, terrestrial noxious weeds, and exotic plant diseases and insects. ISDA also assists in the management of grasshoppers and Mormon crickets on Idaho rangeland, and conducts nursery and seed field inspections to protect Idaho's resources and market access.

"Prevention is key to the success of our invasive species and plant pest programs," said Celia Gould, ISDA Director. "And to provide transparency and accountability to our industry partners and the general public the Division of Plant Industries publishes an annual report, 2011 Invasive Species, Plant Pest and Plant Health Summary Report."

The comprehensive report provides a close look at many of the division's efforts to survey and manage invasive species such as quagga mussel, gypsy moth, Japanese beetle and Eurasian water milfoil.

"Safeguarding Idaho plant health and protecting our agricultural industries and natural environments is one of the agency's highest priorities," said Gould. "This report demonstrates the many battle lines against invasive species that threaten Idaho and the tremendous effort undertaken by our dedicated staff to combat them."

The full report is available as a pdf file ("2011 Plant-Pest Health Summary Report") at the ISDA website <http://www.agri.idaho.gov/>

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