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Canada Thistle *Cirsium arvense* Mgmt Goal: **Suppression**

IDENTIFICATION

- Perennial; re-grows yearly from massive, spreading root system
- Stem hollow, 1-4 ft. tall
- Leaf lobes spine-tipped; hairless or w/ fine hairs
- Flowers pink to purple, June-August.

CHEMICAL CONTROL

**CALIBRATE YOUR EQUIPMENT EVERY YEAR
ALWAYS ADD NON-IONIC SURFACTANT
ALWAYS FOLLOW THE HERBICIDE LABEL**

- **Milestone** (Aminopyralid)
 - Hand-Pump Sprayer: 1fl.oz. per 3 gal water
 - All other sprayers: 5 to 7 oz per acre
- **Telar** (Chlorsulfuron, non-crop)
 - 1 to 3 wt.oz. per acre

NEGATIVE IMPACTS

- Aggressive invasive found throughout CO
- Particularly damaging to wetland & riparian areas
- Reduces/eliminates wildlife forage & habitat

MECHANICAL CONTROL

- Mowing at two week intervals throughout season can exhaust root system over time
- **Always cut and bag any seed-heads.**
ROTO-TILLING, DISCING, AND PLOWING ARE NOT EFFECTIVE AND WILL ACTUALLY INCREASE INFESTATION DENSITY!