

## **COUNTY SPOT SPRAYING FOR NOXIOUS WEEDS**

The Martin County Highway Department will soon begin spot spraying for noxious weeds in county road ditches. The weed spray the County uses is non-toxic to livestock. It is recommended to wait 14 days after spraying to allow the chemicals to work. Anyone wishing to maintain road ditches for hay crop must pick up small signs at the County Highway Department Shop in Fairmont or indicate on our County road map areas not to be sprayed. **Please notify us each year of these areas.** "No Spray" areas are the individual's responsibility for keeping the ditches free of noxious weeds and **should be mowed before thistles go to seed.**

If you plan to harvest ditch hay to feed to livestock, it is your responsibility to either mark those ditches as "no spray" or to keep track of where you spread the manure from the livestock that is fed with that ditch hay. The chemical that the county uses to spray thistles can have a residual effect on soybean crops in manure from an animal fed with sprayed ditch hay, even after the chemical passes through the livestock's digestive track. Anyone wishing to view the chemical's product label should contact the Highway Department.