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control superintendent in the county, or the counties that are served in the state. Also, some counties also still have weed control boards and they receive a sum of money for attending the meetings. But realistically, what does the weed control accomplish? Yes, there are noxious weeds. Noxious weeds are the responsibility of the individuals, property owners, to control them. In our county, I think the only responsibility that our weed control superintendent does is the responsibility to address the problems of calls of possible noxious weeds in right of ways, in road ditches, on property, on properties, and the only thing that they really do is send a letter to the individuals telling them that they have a noxious weed and it needs to be controlled. That's about as far as it goes. The weed control authority does not spray them. If there's a noxious weed on your property, you have to control them yourself. And it's the responsibility of the property owner to take care of this. The weed control authority does spray the road ditches, but do they really control very much? We have leafy spurge in our road ditches that have had leafy surge in for the last 25 years. Leafy spurge is a noxious weed. Does the county control it? No. They spray it, but it is not controlled. So these are the things that really concern me. You know, is there a real value in the noxious weed authority in the state of Nebraska? I know it doesn't take a lot of money, but a little bit here and a little bit there does add up to be some. So I'm really concerned, you know, that, you know, is there the real need yet? We talk about trying to identify another weed and put it in the noxious weed book, that this is a noxious weed. Yes, we've had weeds. We've had the musk thistle. We've controlled the musk thistle and now, by controlling the musk thistle, now we've come up with the bull thistle in the same locations. So it's just another weed that we have to control. Property owners do control these weeds because it is an economic value to control them. I can remember years ago the weed control authority, when we run the thrash machines, that we had to have that little sticker hanging on the thrash machine that the machine was cleaned out, mainly because of bindweeds that were transported from one operation to another operation, but that really is all it really entailed, was to just have that little tag hanging on your thrash machine. But bindweed doesn't seem to be a major problem anymore because of