Canada Thistle
Scientific name: Cirsium arvense

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Perennial

Flowers purple to white
Mature plant 1 to 4 feet tall
Leaves usually long and narrow with short, sharp spines
Plants spreading by creeping underground roots

Canada thistle is commonly found on rangelands and in non-cultivated areas; however, it does occur in many field crops.

Control: Best control is obtained from treatments at bud to early flower stage of growth. Refer to herbicide labels for appropriate rates and timings in specific situations.

Chemical | Non-cropland | pounds per acre | Chemical | Cropland | pounds per acre
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picloram (Tordon) | 1 to 1½ | 2,4-D | 1 to 2
2,4-D amine | 4 | MCPA amine | 1 to 1½
dicamba (Banvel) | 4 to 6 | glyphosate | 2¼ to 3
amitrole | 4 | (Roundup) | (3 to 4 qts.)
glyphosate | 2½ to 3 | dicamba plus 2,4-D | ½ plus 1
(Roundup) | (3 to 4 qts.) | | | | |

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