

**Weed control, what do I do now?**

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Soil temperatures across Nebraska are over 50 F (Figure 1) and maintaining the optimal level for preemergence application. In fact, soil temps in some parts of NE have been measured at 70 F or higher, at least for a short time. Be sure and follow label directions and water in to insure optimal efficacy.

Prostrate knotweed is a broadleaf, early summer annual that germinates well before crabgrass. It is often the first seedling you see as snow recedes and soil temperature increase next to sidewalks and driveways. Prostrate knotweed is

much easier to control in the seedling stage (Figure 2) than later. If the infestation is localized, consider spot spraying when the wind is below 5 MPH to limit potential drift. Most broadleaf herbicides work well on prostrate knotweed in the seedling stage.



Figure 2. Prostrate knotweed is much easier to control in the seedling stage than later. (Image courtesy of [omafra.gov.on.ca](http://omafra.gov.on.ca))

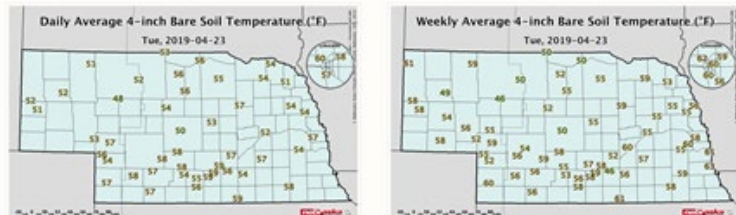


Figure 1. <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/cropwatchsoiltemperature>

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