

Now is time for seedhead control
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The forsythia has been in bloom for a couple of weeks. This sign of spring traditionally indicates it is time to apply annual bluegrass seedhead control products. The dry conditions and cool nights have slowed green-up despite the warm daytime temperatures. This has caused some superintendents to delay seedhead control applications. Lately, the warmer nights and much needed rain have promoted rapid green-up. The MSU GDD Tracker still shows much of Nebraska is in the optimal time to apply Proxy+Primo or Embark but applications need to go down ASAP (<http://www.gddtracker.net>). A repeat application of Proxy+Proxy is recommended 21 days after the initial application. We are currently researching the mixtures of Proxy+pigment and Proxy+Signature to see if these products can further increase Proxy safety.

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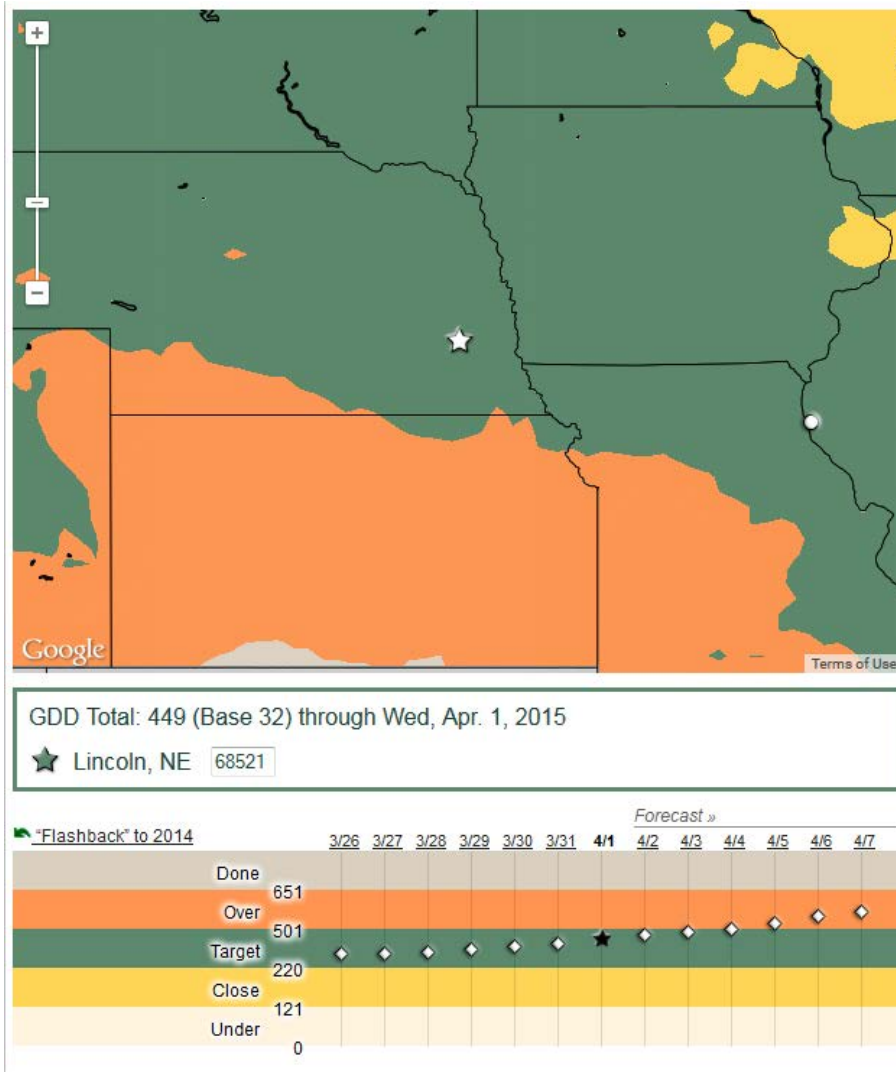


Figure 1. Seedheads can be an unsightly side effect of annual ecotypes of *Poa annua*. The MSU GDD Tracker indicates we are nearing the end of the target window for Proxy+Primo and at the bullseye for Embark. Now is the time to apply those herbicides to achieve best success.