

# OKLAHOMA

## **Top State Agency Land Owners**

### **State-owned Unimproved Land**

Agency	Acres Owned	% of Total
Commissioners of the Land Office	744,769.52	49%
Department of Wildlife Conservation	372,735.19	24%
Transportation Department	229,990.35	15%
Grand River Dam Authority	60,303.96	4%
Tourism and Recreation Department	25,941.62	2%
Subtotal	1,433,740.65	94%
All Other Agencies	88,403.00	6%
Total	1,522,143.65	100%





## **Agency Policies and Processes**

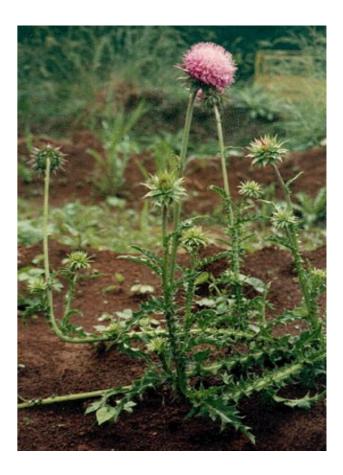


- CLO Almost all of CLO's agricultural land is leased out at any given time. The responsibility of maintenance and control of noxious weeds is on the lessee of the property and is a requirement of their lease. CLO has nine Real Estate Management Specialists statewide who monitor their property to ensure it is cared for properly.
- Wildlife Wildlife actively controls noxious weeds (mostly musk and scotch thistle). The weeds are not widespread on any of their property, but have encountered and dealt with these in the Wildlife Management Areas.
- ODOT Noxius weeds are controlled through mowing and application of chemical treatments. ODOT applies two pre-emergent applications per year within 30 feet of a roadway. All weed control measures must comply with their written policy.
- **GRDA** Noxius weeds are controlled through mowing and as necessary through chemical application.
- Tourism Noxius weeds are controlled through mowing and as necessary through chemical application. All weed control measures must comply with their written policy.

Current statutes in place to protect against noxious weeds:



- Oklahoma statute (<u>2 OS § 2-3-220</u>) defines noxious weeds as the plants musk thistle (Carduus nutans L.), Scotch thistle (Onoprodum acanthium L.), and Canada thistle (Cirsium arvense).
- The statue requires that any landowner must control these plants using any method that keeps them from going to seed.
- Most agencies procure the herbicide through the statewide contract and apply using agency staff and equipment.



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