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## **Leafy spurge education materials**

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Leafy spurge slide tape sets were made available for a nominal fee to county agents and vocational agriculture instructors. A narrative on the biology and control of leafy spurge was recorded on cassette tape and reproduced in quantity by the Modern Languages Department, Montana State University. The tape accompanied 21 slides showing leafy spurge plant stages, root system and various means of controlling the weed. An additional nine slides were made available without the taped narration. Leafy spurge plants were collected in the summer of 1981. These plants were pressed, dried and placed in Riker mounts. Root pieces and seed were included with the plant. The plant mounts were made available at a minimum cost to accompany the slide-tape sets.

Twenty-two leafy spurge slide-tape sets and 28 Riker mounts were sent to county agents and vocational agriculture instructors. Materials were ordered by county agents who had hosted leafy spurge tours in 1980 or 1981 and by county agents or instructors in whose county a tour was not held. The slides, tapes and plant mounts allowed leafy spurge information to reach a large number of people around the state with a minimum of time, travel and money. The educational materials provided dissemination of information even when university personnel were not available to present a program.