

# Weed of The Week

## Wild Carrot

Eating this weed will not make your eye site better. Another name for this weed is Queen Anne's lace due to its large umbel flowers that looks very similar to a lace worn by royal families. It is thought that wild carrot came to the united states about 250 years ago by the way of seed mixed in with carrot seed from Europe. Wild carrot is a biannual meaning the first year is grows as a rosette low to the ground and then the second year is bolts and produces a flower that will drop seeds for the next generation. Found in most cultivated soils, wild carrot prefers light, well drained soils. There are some toxicity properties to this weed which makes it undesirable in pastures. If cattle consume enough wild carrot it can give their milk a bad taste and smell affecting baby calf consumption. For dairy producers it is important to keep this weed under control in both hay and pasture fields. Ways to control this weed in pastures is proper grazing management. When other forage species are healthy, they can easily out compete wild carrot. 2-4-D and Graz-on can be used but keeping livestock out of the field for 7-14 days is recommended. Preventing this weed from going to seed is important so clipping in late July can help prevent seed production. Other products like Chaparral and pasture guard have good results also.

