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Abstract

These proceedings consist of more than 40 presented papers on damage caused by many different animals. Panel presentations that followed two special sessions--one on prairie dogs and related small mammals and another on ways to enhance waterfowl production--are also included. In addition to information on mechanical and chemical control methods, the ecosystem processes involved are considered.

Keywords: Prairie dogs, waterfowl, coyotes, rodents, bird repellents, predacides, rodenticides

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Preface

More than 200 people attended the Eighth Great Plains Wildlife Damage Control Workshop in Rapid City, South Dakota. The workshop brought together field technicians, managers, administrators, researchers, educators, students, legislators, and extension and industry representatives to further technology and information transfer. In addition to a general session on damage caused by many different animals, two special sessions were held: (1) prairie dog management and control, and (2) predator management and control to enhance waterfowl production. Both of these topics are currently high-interest issues on the northern Great Plains, the site of this workshop. Each of these sessions consisted of individual presentations followed by panel/audience discussions. A well-attended field trip to review black-tailed prairie dog management on the Buffalo Gap National Grassland and Badlands National Park brought the workshop to a close. These proceedings document this workshop.

Rapid publication of these proceedings was facilitated largely by the excellent efforts of the authors (and the typists!) in preparing the manuscripts, most of which we received camera-ready. Since papers are, essentially, being printed as received, each contributor is responsible for the accuracy of his or her paper; opinions expressed by the authors may not necessarily reflect the policy of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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We believe the proceedings of this workshop will serve as a valuable vehicle for continued improvement in the effectiveness, soundness, and professionalism of the field of wildlife damage control and management. It is our hope that the success of this workshop will provide further incentive for the Great Plains Agricultural Council to continue its promotion of similar workshops in the future.

Daniel W. Uresk, Chairman

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