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For years the Chapter has been urging ranchers to stretch out grassland burning beyond the usual three-week period in April. This would reduce the downwind health impacts of the smoke and protect wildlife habitat. Last year new research indicated that the April burning was apparently stimulating seed germination of the very troublesome weed called *serecia lespedeza*, whereas burning in August and early September greatly reduces seed production. It appears that KSU Research & Extension experts and federal and state conservation districts are getting together to promote fall burning (see link). This could be a game changer and we are grateful for this effort.

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