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**Figure 1.** Eric Eldredge harvests Douglas’ dustymaiden with the Jet Harvester at the Aberdeen Plant Materials Center. Photo by Loren St John

**ABSTRACT**

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