Agronomy Profile



Tips to manage glyphosate-tolerant weeds

Overview

More than a decade after the introduction of glyphosate-tolerant crops, many weeds have also developed glyphosate tolerance, making them more difficult to control and causing rates of herbicide use to spike. Three management practices-herbicide application, tillage and crop rotationcan help combat glyphosate-tolerant weeds.

What you should know

- Glyphosate-resistant weeds pose a growing problem in virtually every cropproducing area, but changing some of your management practices can help keep resistant weeds under control.
- Pre- and post-emergence herbicides with multiple modes of action can help combat resistant weeds and reduce the incidence of resistance.
- · Weed scouting is critical to recognizing early weed issues so that postemergence herbicides can be used most effectively.
- · Less frequent tillage is environmentally friendly, while saving labor and cost. Pre-emergence herbicides can reduce the need for tillage and keep longgerminating weeds, in particular, under control.
- Growing a single crop for several years and relying on a single-mode-ofaction herbicide can lead to hard-to-control, resistant weeds. Make more frequent crop rotation, as well as rotation of herbicide chemistry modes of action, part of your strategy.

Action steps

- 1. Apply pre-emergence and post-emergence herbicides: Consider a foundation herbicide with multiple modes of action. Scout weeds early to spot them at 2-4 inches tall, when post-emergence herbicides are most effective.
- 2. Decrease tillage when possible: Instead of tilling, consider post-emergence herbicides with multiple modes of action to defend against weeds with a long germination window, such as giant ragweed and waterhemp.
- 3. Manage crop rotation: When you rotate crops, also rotate herbicides with different modes of action to help battle resistant weeds.

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Defeat glyphosate-resistant weeds, such as ragweed, with a three-pronged management program.



- Glyphosate-resistant weeds pose a growing problem across regions and crops.
- Three key management practices can help keep resistant weeds under control:
 - 1. Apply pre- and post-emergence herbicides with multiple modes of action
 - 2. Consider using post-emergence herbicides instead of tilling
 - 3. Incorporate more frequent crop rotation and rotation of herbicide chemistry

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