



Weed Resistance Management: Solutions for an Explosive Year

Some growers have already experienced it, while others are still nervously on the lookout. Regardless of whether you have had first-hand experience, you are undoubtedly aware of the devastating effects of glyphosate weed resistance. Growers across the Delta saw a dramatic increase in reported weed control issues this season.

“We knew 2008 had the potential to be an explosive year for glyphosate resistance,” said Chuck Foresman, manager of weed resistance strategies for Syngenta. “Everything we have seen and heard from the field this year has confirmed that resistance has continued to spread throughout the Delta at a rapid pace.”

From the sustained battle against horseweed in Tennessee to the newly emerging problem of Palmer amaranth in Arkansas, growers are facing many challenges as they finish this season and look to 2009. Producers struggling to adjust to a new farming landscape in which glyphosate may not control some of their toughest weeds are in desperate need of sound management strategies and effective product solutions. “I think we are at the crossroads where we have to be proactive in our attitudes about weed resistance.” said Foresman. “Now is the time to adjust herbicide programs to manage this problem no matter if resistant weeds are already present on a farm or not. Growers can’t afford surprises.”

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