# Pre-emerge and layby herbicides in a dry season.....and other topics

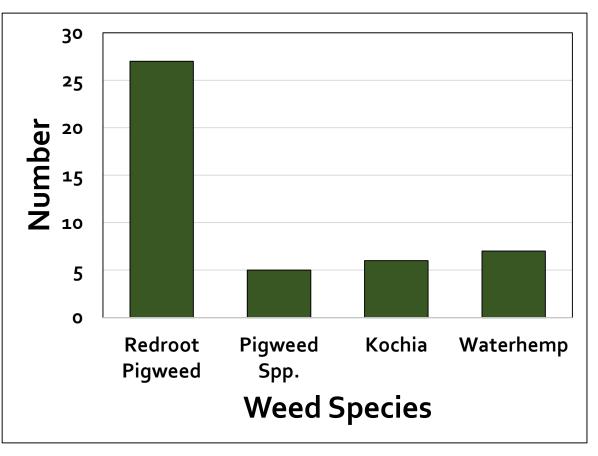
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# Most important weed problem in sugarbeet, 1975 to 2020, annual survey.

Year	Most important weed				
1975	Redroot pigweed				
1980	Redroot pigweed				
1985	Redroot pigweed				
1990	Redroot pigweed				
1995	Redroot pigweed				
2000	Kochia				
2005	Pigweed spp.				
2010	Kochia				
2015	Waterhemp				
2020	Waterhemp				



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Annual herbicide use survey was mailed to sugarbeet producers (farm units) in eastern ND and MN from 1968 to 2016. Survey has been conducted at Grower Seminars since 2017.

### Waterhemp Control Program in Sugarbeet

Planting Date	Recommendation
	PRE. Dual Magnum at 0.5 to 0.75 pt/A, ethofumesate at
	2 to 5 pt/A or Dual Magnum at 0.5 pt/A plus
Sugarbeet plant in	ethofumesate at 2 pt/A
April or May	Split lay-by application (early postemergence /
	postemergence). Chloroacetamide herbicides applied
	at 2-If sugarbeet fb 6 to 8-If sugarbeet
June	Continue to scout fields for waterhemp. Control
	escapes with Ultra Blazer (Section 18), Liberty with the
	Redball™ 915 hooded sprayer (24c), or inter-row
	cultivation
July	Electric Discharge Systems (WeedZapper™)
August / September	Hand remove waterhemp

#### **Presentation Outline**

- Do soil residual herbicides control weeds when its dry?
- Controlling waterhemp escapes in sugarbeet
- Controlling volunteer corn control in 2022
- Palmer amaranth update

## Rainfall (inch) at Blomkest and Moorhead, MN in 2021 compared to 30-year averages.<sup>a</sup>

Month	Blomkest, MN			Moorhead, MN		
	2020	2021	30-yr Ave	2020	2021	30-yr Ave
	Inch	Inch	Inch	Inch	Inch	inch
April	1.6	1.9	2.6	5.4	2.3	1.6
May	2.1	1.4	3.1	1.6	0.7	3.2
June	4.9	1.4	4.8	3.8	4.6	4.1
July	3.9	1.9	3.7	5.3	1.1	3.2
August	4.5	5.2	3.8	5.8	3.7	2.7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>30-yr averages from usclimatedata.com; 2020 and 2021 data from Climate FieldView

## Waterhemp control in response to ethofumate PPI and PRE, Fargo airport, 2021

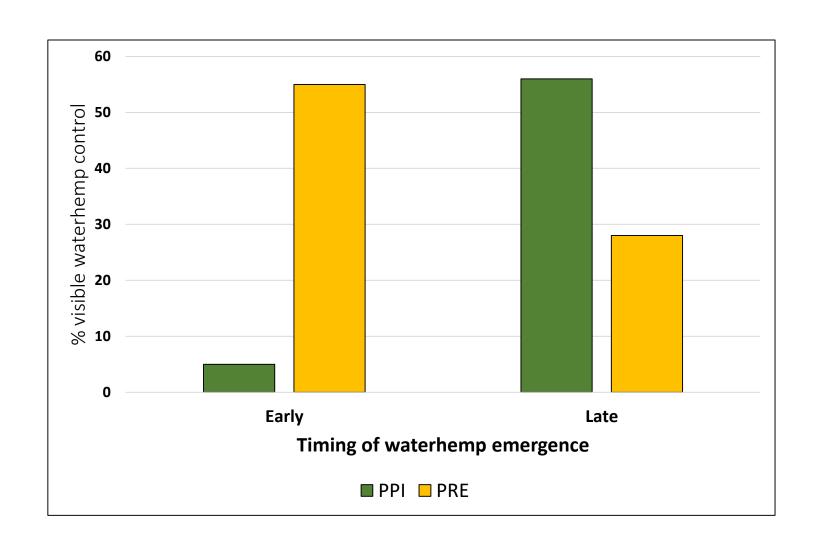


# Control of EARLY and LATE emerging waterhemp with ethofumesate at various rates, Jul 9, Fargo 2021

Herbicide	PPI Application		Preemergence Application	
(pt/A)	(Early)	(Late)	(Early)	(Late)
2	0	15	5	10
4	0	50	45	20
6	10	65	63	15
8	20	65	65	45
10	10	63	75	43
12	10	75	78	40

<sup>•</sup> May 10 plant (bone dry), 0.4-inch on May 20, 1.0- and 1.1-inch on June 7 and June 10

## Early and late emerging waterhemp control in response to ethofumesate PPI or PRE, 2021

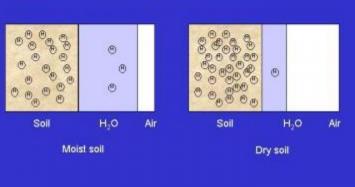


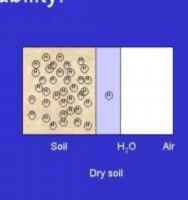
# Soil residual herbicides kill weeds as seed or seedlings imbibe water

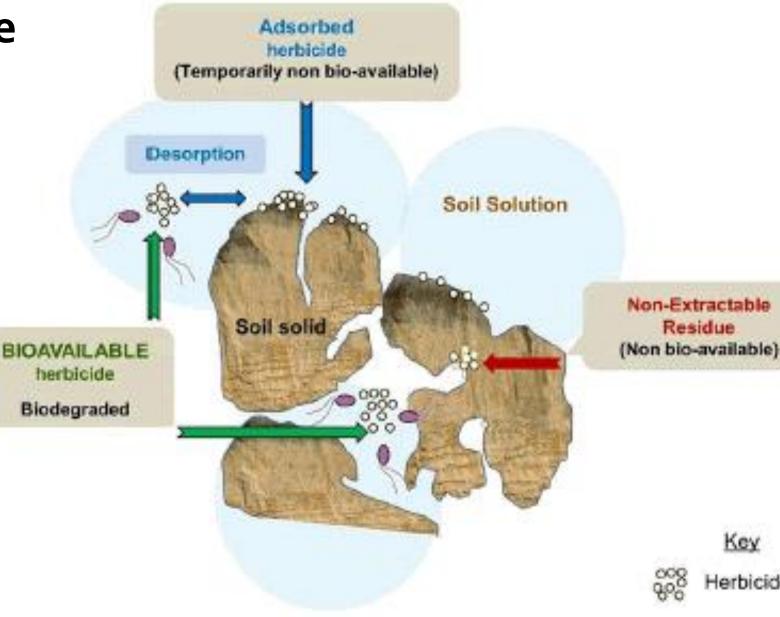
- Herbicide must be localized in the upper inch of soil or zone where small seeded broadleaves germinate.
- Efficacy may be reduced when there is limited rain in the weeks following application even if a herbicide is activated in a timely fashion.
- Soil residual herbicides move from soil water to adsorption sites on soil colloids as soil dries, reducing herbicide available to germinating weed seeds.
- Absorptive  $(K_{OC})$  is the ratio of herbicide bound to soil colloids versus herbicide in the soil solution.

Herbicides must be in the soil solution to be taken up by seeds, roots, or shoots

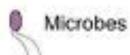
Figure 2. Soil moisture effect on herbicide availability.











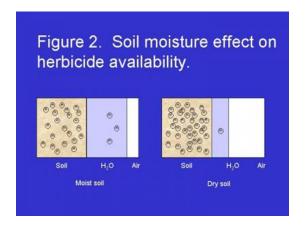
Key

-lerbicide

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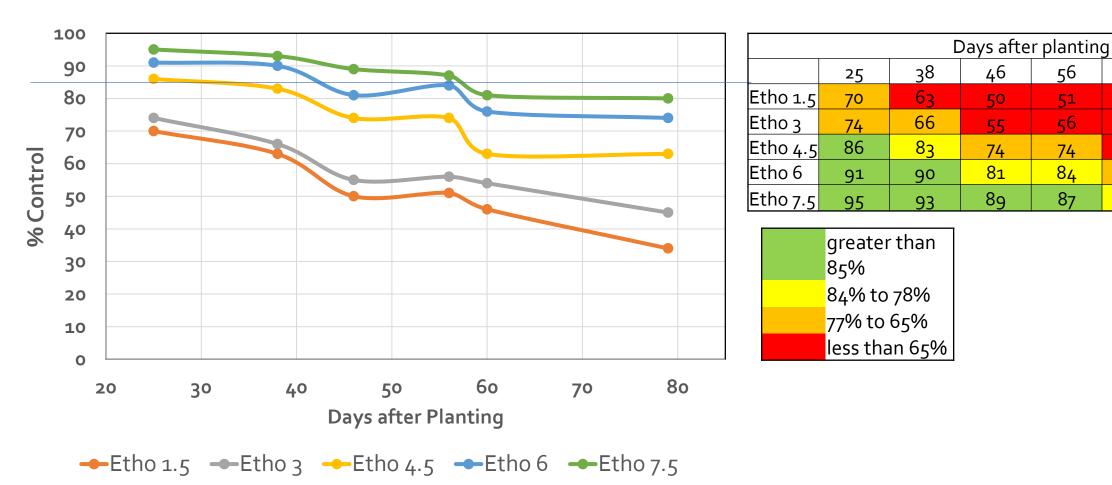
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- PPI etho was adsorbed to colloids and diluted by incorporation, not available for waterhemp control
- PRE partially incorporated into soil and available after the May 10<sup>th</sup> rain
- PPI etho in the soil solution and available for late emerging watehemp following June rains
- PRE etho likely degraded/lost for late emerging waterhemp



## Waterhemp control in response to ethofumesate PRE, Blomkest MN, 2020

Sublethal rates: full control for less time or less than full control?



### Summary

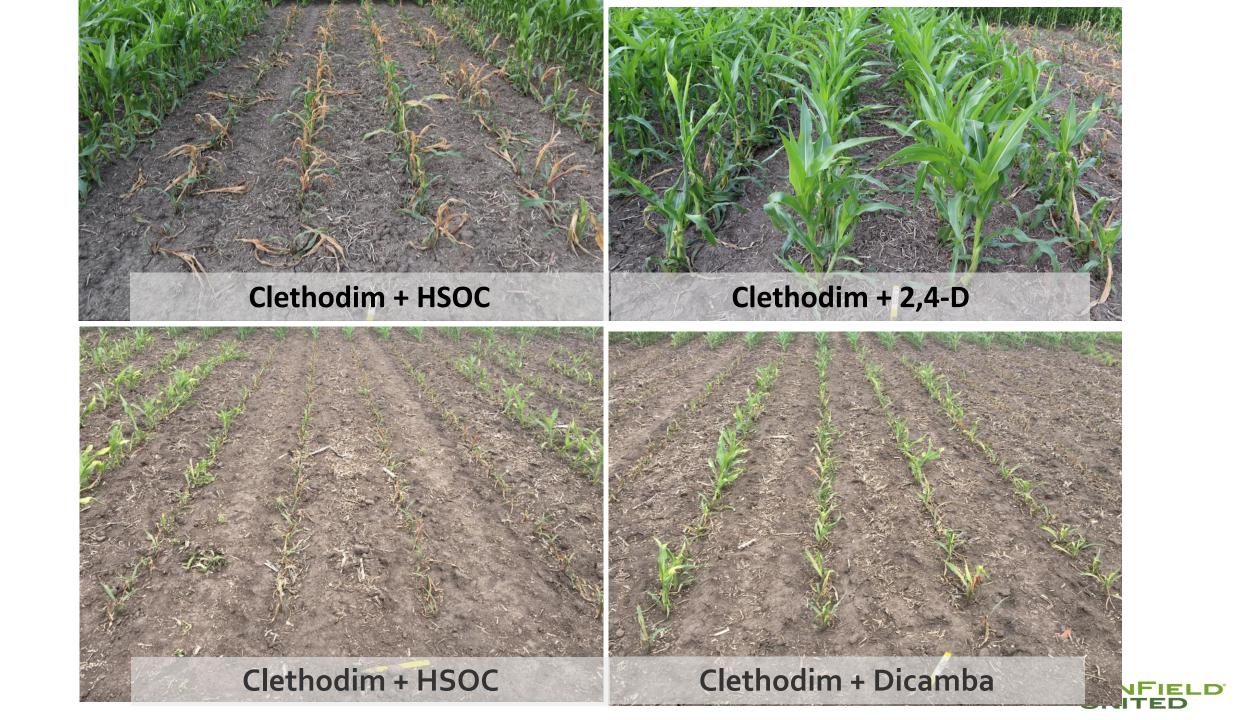
#### ethofumesate, S-metolachlor, dimethenamid-P and acetochlor

- Soil residual herbicides are our best strategy for waterhemp control in sugarbeet.
- Follow the program and do not try to time to rainfall events (same story your financial advisor says about investing money).
- Shallow incorporate ethofumesate; tillage is to incorporate herbicide into the soil and not to prepare seedbed.
- McAuliffe and Appleby (Weed Sci) reported ethofumesate adsorption and degradation in ultra dry soils.
- Waterhemp germinates and emerges from surface to 1-inch in soil.

## Stalk quality creates dropped ears and volunteer corn



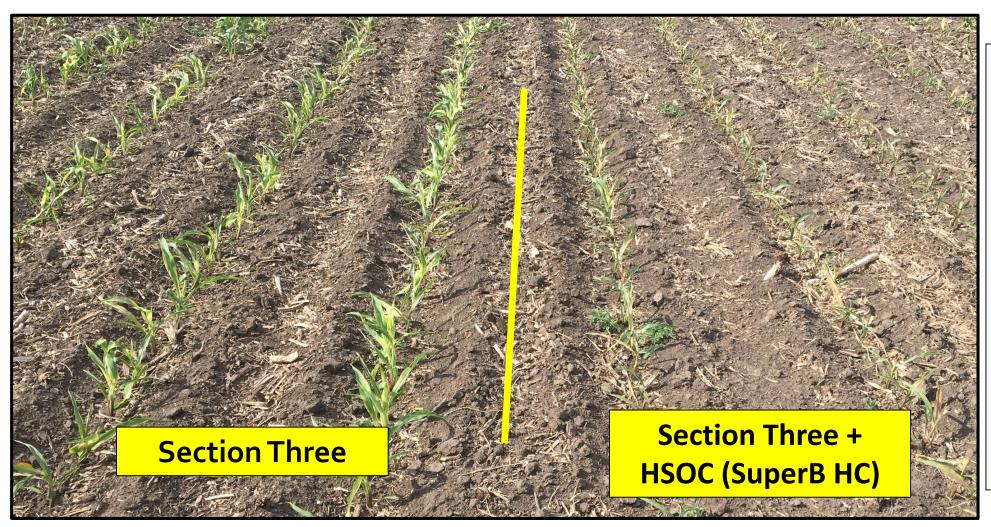




## The group 1 herbicides are effective herbicides for volunteer corn control, Axial XL on wild oat

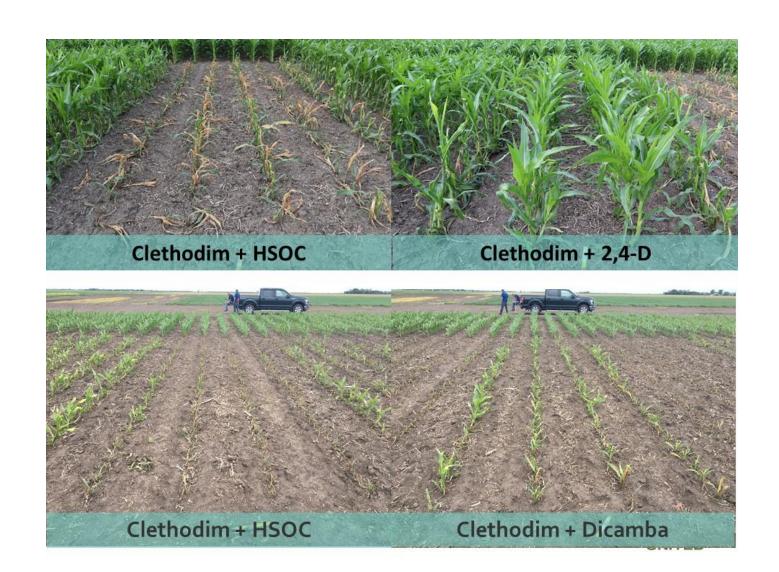


## Adjuvant matters. Clethodim needs oil (HSOC, COC, MSO, etc.) to maximize performance.



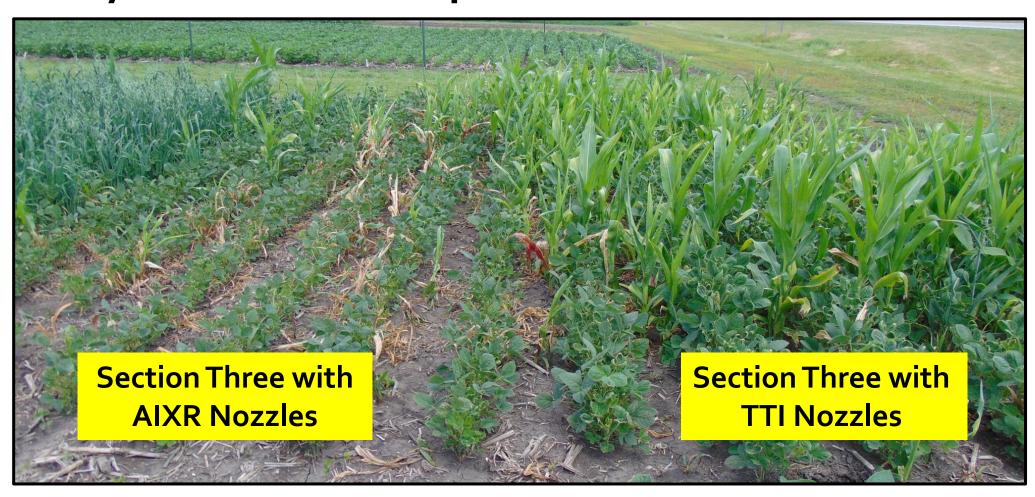
- Dead corn is good in this example
- Clethodim at the same rate in both plots
- HSOC (SuperB HC)
   mixed with Clethodim
   on the right
- Note: Plots have identical Section Three rates, difference is the adjuvant package

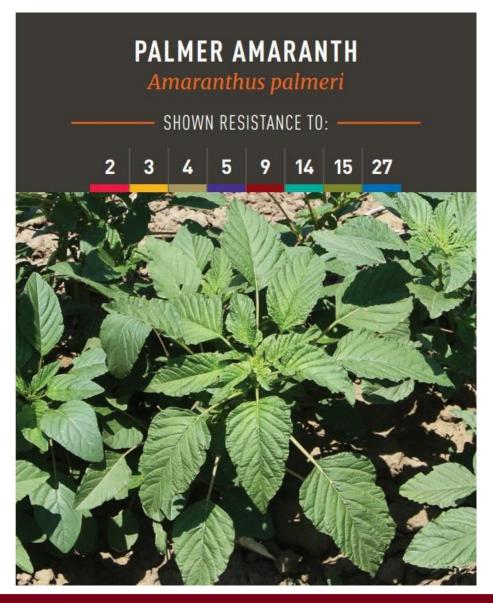
## Tank mixing clethodim (or other group 1 herbicides) with group 4's antagonizes grass performance





Increasing water volume to 15 to 20 GPA will maximize performance when using nozzles producing very course-ultra course droplets (or in heavy volunteer corn pressure)





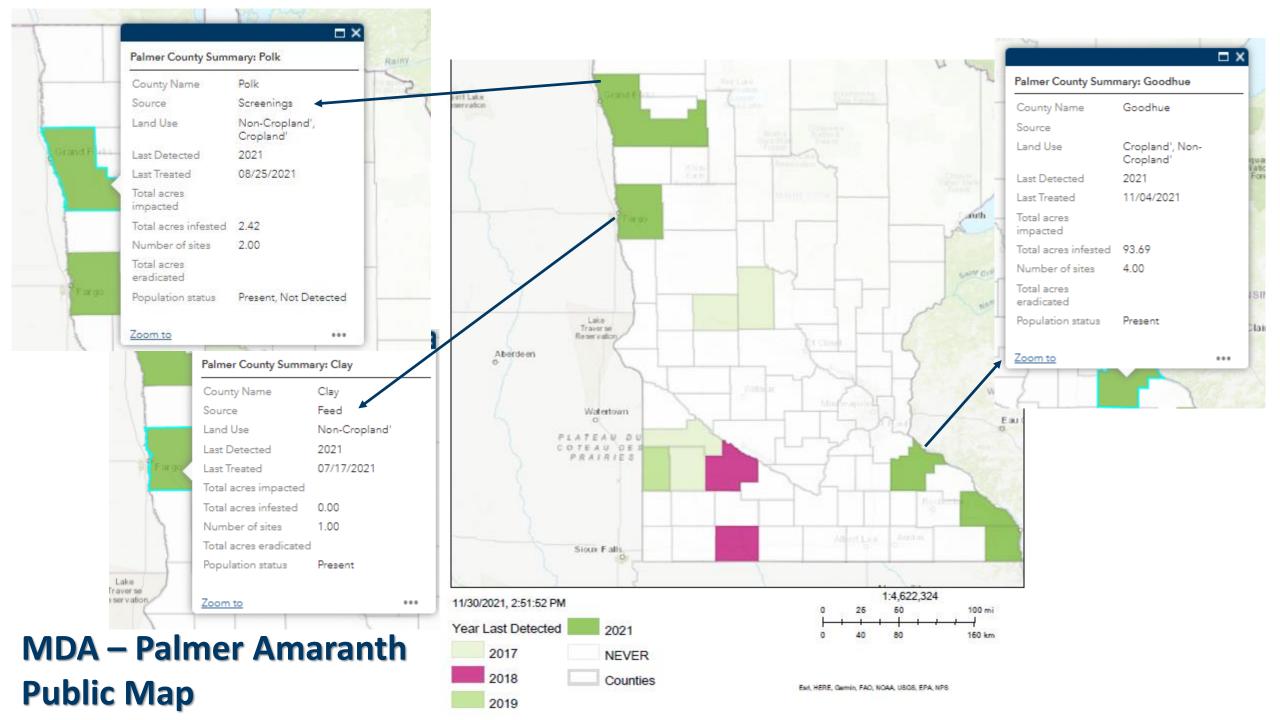
### Why the big deal?

- Fast growing (up to 2-3 inches/day)
- Prolific seed producer
  - Potential 500,000+ seeds/plant
- Can cause severe yield losses
  - Up to 91% in corn & 79% in soybean
- Herbicide resistance concerns
  - R to multiple SOAs common

2	3	4	5	9	14	15	27
ALS	MICROTUBULE	SYNTHETIC	PHOTOSYSTEM II	EPSP SYNTHASE	PPO	LONG-CHAIN FATTY	HPPD
Inhibitors	INHIBITORS	AUXINS	Inhibitors	INHIBITOR	INHIBITORS	ACID INHIBITORS	INHIBITORS
Classic®,	Prowl® H <sub>2</sub> O,	2,4-D, Clarity®,	atrazine. metribuzin,	Roundup®	Flexstar®,	Dual®, Harness®	Callisto®,
Pursuit®	Treflan®	quinclorac	Linex®	(glyphosate)	Cobra®		Laudis®









### **Key Introduction Modes...**

- Feed and forage sources:
  - E.g. Hay, cottonseed meal, sunflower screenings\*\*
- Contaminated CRP / cover crop seed
- Contaminated equipment

KNOW YOUR SOURCES

\*\*Newer issue!!



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#### If you suspect Palmer amaranth.....

#### 1) Take Photos and record location



#### 2) Immediately call

• TOM PETERS, local U of M Extension Educator or IPM Specialist, crop consultant, county agricultural inspector and/or MDA's **Arrest the Pest at 888-545-6684** to report locations

#### 3) SAVE the plant(s) for positive ID!

- Leave in the field if you can until the MDA can verify the plant and collect sample for genetic confirmation
- If hand-pulled, collect at least 5 leaves from each plant, place in Ziploc bag and refrigerate until you contact the MDA
- Dead and dry plant material should be placed in a paper bag and stored at room temperature.





#### Thank you for your continued support

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