

Weed Management Program Can Help Farmers Improve Crop Performance and Productivity

(NAPSA)—A new program can help farmers protect their yield potential and improve productivity through effective weed management.

A few species of weeds have developed resistance to certain herbicides. In response, Roundup Ready PLUS™ Weed Management Solutions can provide farmers with a set of best management recommendations to help control these glyphosate-resistant weeds, such as Palmer pigweed and tall waterhemp, where they exist—and reduce the risk of developing them where they don't.

“Farmers need to be proactive—rather than reactive—when it comes to managing herbicide-tolerant weeds and preventing their spread,” says Bill Johnson, professor of weed science at Purdue University. “Be aware of the weeds becoming more difficult to control and go after your worst weed problems with two modes of action.”

The program also provides financial incentives to support farmers who purchase and use qualifying residual herbicides in their weed management program. One Midwest farmer, Adam Edwards, is using residual herbicides in his corn and soybean fields to help reduce the risk of weed resistance that some neighboring farmers are experiencing.

“Roundup Ready PLUS is a good program, and we're going to continue participating without a doubt,” Edwards says. “We feel good knowing we are trying to manage the spread of resistance,



Using residual herbicides can help farmers achieve better weed control.

and it's nice to get that incentive check as a thank-you for being proactive.”

Mark Bauman, agronomy marketing manager for Illinois ag retailer M & M Service Company, says demand for residual herbicides from his farmer customers has more than doubled. “Most growers realize that residual herbicides have value, but it is an expense they were not used to having,” he explains. “This program helps lower their per-acre cost of using these herbicides.”

Monsanto Company developed the program in partnership with farmers, weed scientists and other industry members. Recommendations emphasize incorporating multiple mechanisms of action with residual herbicides to provide effective pre- and post-herbicide combinations to manage these hard-to-control weeds.

Further Information

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