## Herbicide-Resistant Weeds: A Dilemma in Dixie



#### Reported cases of herbicide-resistant weeds in US



How have growers dealt with herbicide resistance in the past?

- It won't happen to me; deal with it later
- Those companies will bring out something new to fix it
- Don't hold your breath; no new chemistry in foreseeable future



### Glyphosate-Resistant Horseweed







## Glyphosate-resistant horseweed

#### Bertie Co., NC

Shields, E.J., J.T. Dauer, M.J. VanGessel, and G. Neuman.
2006. Horseweed (*Conyza canadensis*) seed collected in the planetary boundary layer. Weed Sci. 54:1063-1067.

Altitude	Seeds found	
(ft)	(#/1000 m <sup>3</sup> )*	
230	3.3	
460	1.7	

\* Approximately 33 by 33 by 33 ft



#### Glyphosate 3.38 lb ae/A

Untreated

Williamston, NC





Poston and Koger Miss. State Univ.



## Untreated Glyphosate 3.0 lb ae/A 14 DAT Parkton, NC 2005

# Why is glyphosate resistance showing up?

## It wasn't supposed to happen.\*

- Very few species naturally resistant
- Long history of use without problems
- Limited success in developing resistant crops using whole plant or tissue culture selection techniques; unlikely to be duplicated in nature
- Alterations to EPSPS that confer resistance would be detrimental
- Complex manipulations required to develop resistant crops unlikely to be duplicated in nature

\*Bradshaw, Padgette, Kimball, and Wells. Perspectives on glyphosate resistance. Weed Technol. 11:189-198.

## Adoption of Roundup Ready Technology in the US (million acres)







#### Percent of cotton acreage planted to RR varieties



## Changes Due to RR Technology

Before RR:	After RR:
Conventional tillage	Conservation tillage
DNA incorporated	Little or no at-planting
Cotoran PRE	herbicides
<u>+</u> Command or Zorial	Extensive reliance on
Cotoran + MSMA EPDIR	glyphosate POST,
Bladex + MSMA LPDIR	often nothing else
Cultivations	No cultivation

Why is glyphosate resistance becoming a problem?

- Wide-spread planting of Roundup Ready crops
- Heavy reliance on glyphosate for weed control
- Has lead to unprecedented selection pressure





## Cotton Yield vs. Palmer Density











Back: untreated Front: glyphosateonly program

## Suspected Glyphosate-Resistant Palmer Amaranth -- 2005



## 290 Fields Sampled in Fall 2005





## **Resistant Locations**



## 52 of 290 fields with resistance Located in 12 counties

#### **Locations of Resistance in 2005**



100 total samples = 47 R; 53 S

## Glyphosate-resistant Palmer amaranth, 2006



## Glyphosate-Resistant Palmer Amaranth In South Carolina\*

Biotype	Fr. Wt.I <sub>50</sub> (g ae/ha)	
Susceptible	400	
Dillon Co.	1800 (4.5X)	
Darlington Co.	1920 (4.8X)	
Lee Co.	2100 (5.25X)	

Main and Jones. 2007. Beltwide Cotton Conf.

# Georgia Palmer amaranth response to glyphosate rates in the greenhouse



Culpepper et al., 2006. Weed Sci. 54:620-626.





Treated

Untreated









#### Percent fresh weight reduction, greenhouse: North Carolina.





Untreated



Glyphosate 4X rate, applied three times

Culpepper, UGA, 2006

## Herbicide Resistance Management

1. Reduce herbicide reliance (as practical) Competitive crop, cover crop, cultivation 2. Crop rotation, with appropriate herbicide selection 3. Diversity of chemistry Multiple modes of action within a crop Residuals Full use rates



## From 2007 NC Ag Chem Manual (159 entries)

#### TABLE 8-11 HERBICIDE MODES OF ACTION

Brand Names	Active Ingredient(s)	Chemical Family	Mode of Action <sup>1</sup>
AAtrex	atrazine	Triazine	5
Accent	nicosulfuron	Sulfonylurea	2
Aim	carfentrazone	Triazolinone	14
Alachlor	alachlor	Chloroacetamide	15
Alanap	naptalam	Phthalamate simicarbazone	19
Arrow	clethodim	Cyclohexanedione	1
Atrazine	atrazine	Triazine	5
Assure II	quizalofop	Aryloxyphenoxy-propionate	1
Axiom	flufenacet + metribuzin	Oxyacetamide + triazinone	15 + 5
Backdraft	glyphosate + imazaquin	Glycine + imidazolinone	9+2
Balan	benefin	Dinitroaniline	3
Banvel	dicamba	Benzoic acid	4
Banvel-K + Atrazine	dicamba + atrazine	Benzoic acid + triazine	4 + 5
Basagran	bentazon	Benzothiadiazinone	6
Basis	rimsulfuron + thifensulfuron	Sulfonylurea	2+2
Blazer	acifluorfen	Diphenylether	14
Boundary	s-metolachlor + metribuzin	Chloroacetamide + triazinone	15 + 5

<sup>1</sup> The numerical system to describe modes of action is taken from the Weed Science Society of America. Modes of action are as follows:

- 1 ACCase inhibition
- 2 ALS inhibition
- 3 Microtubule assembly inhibition
- 4 Synthetic auxin
- 5 Photosystem II inhibition, different binding behavior than groups 6 and 7
- 6 Photosystem II inhibition, different binding behavior than groups 5 and 7
- 7 Photosystem II inhibition, different binding behavior than groups 5 and 6
- 8 Inhibition of lipid synthesis not ACCase inhibition
- 9 EPSP synthase inhibition
- 10 Glutamine synthase inhibition
- 12 Inhibition of carotenoid biosynthesis at PDS
- 13 Inhibition of carotenoid byiosynthesis, unknown target
- 14 PPO inhibition
- 15 Inhibition of very long-chain fatty acids
- 17 Unknown mode of action
- 19 Auxin transport inhibition
- 22 Photosystem I electron diversion
- 27 Inhibition of HPPD



## **Resistance Management in RR Cotton**

Do not depend entirely on glyphosate; incorporate multiple modes of action in system
 Residual herbicides preplant or preemergence
 Preplant
 Preemergence
 Direx, Valor
 Cotoran, Direx, Prowl, Reflex, Staple

b. Tank mix postemergence Dual Magnum, Envoke, Staple
c. Residual at layby Direx, Layby Pro, Suprend, Valor mixed with either MSMA or glyphosate

## **Does RR Flex Have a Fit?**

1. Avoid Roundup-only program; incorporate other modes of action; residuals encouraged

Benefits
 Higher rates for "difficult weeds"
 No overtop timing restrictions
 Less precision for directing

## Palmer Amaranth Resistance Management

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### North Carolina, 2006



#### Untreated

#### Treated



## **Palmer Amaranth Resistance Management**

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  - **Residual control is important**
- Need to protect ALS inhibitors

#### **ALS Inhibitors**

#### Imidazolinones

Cadre

Pursuit

Scepter

#### **Triazolopyrimidines**

Broadstrike

Firstrate

Strongarm

#### **Pyrimidinylthiobenzoates**

Staple

**Sulfonylureas** Accent Canopy EX Classic Envoke Express **Finesse** Harmony GT Harmony Extra Resolve Steadfast Stout Synchrony



Prowl PRE; Staple POST Caparol + MSMA lay-by

## ALS-Resistant Palmer Amaranth









## North Carolina 2006

GR Palmer after two annual applications of Staple; Georgia



2004

### Staple LX 0 1.3 2.6 5.2 10.2 20.4 fl oz/A



#### 1X glyphosate + 1X Staple; Palmer 0.5 inches when treated



#### for Palmer amaranth control in RR cotton

Glyph.	ALS	
resist.	resist.	Preemergence
No	No	Staple*,
		Reflex**,
		Direx,
		Cotoran,
		Caparol,
		or
		Prowl

\* Limit to one application per year.

\*\* Caution if Valor burndown.

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Glyph.	ALS		Postemergence
resist.	resist.	Preemergence	1- to 4-leaf
No	No	Staple*,	Light infestation:
		Reflex**,	Glyphosate
		Direx,	
		Cotoran,	Heavy infestation:
		Caparol,	Glyph. + Dual Mag.
		or	or
		Prowl	Sequence

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		Cotoran,	Heavy infestation:	MSMA + Layby Pro
		Caparol,	Glyph. + Dual Mag.	or
		or	or	Glyph. + Valor,
		Prowl	Sequence	Glyph. + Suprend,
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		or	Glyph. + Dual Mag.	Glyph. + Valor,
		Prowl	or	Glyph. + Direx,
			Sequence	Glyph. + Layby Pro

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## Recommended southeastern herbicide programs for Palmer amaranth control in RR cotton

Glyph.	ALS	Preemergence	Postemergence	Layby
resist.	resist.		1- to 4-leaf	(Palmer < 3")
Yes	No	Prowl + Reflex* (Prowl + Direx on heavier soils)	No emerged Palmer: Glyph. + Dual Mag. or Sequence (early) Palmer < 2 in.: Glyph. + Staple**	MSMA + Valor, MSMA + Suprend, MSMA + Direx, or MSMA + Layby Pro

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## Detect Resistance

## Early



## Mt. Olive, NC July 1, 2006



### PRE Herbicides Under RR Soybeans

Alachlor <sup>1</sup> , Dual Magr	num <sup>2</sup> , Outlook, Prowl
Boundary <sup>3</sup>	Reflex
Canopy <sup>4</sup>	Scepter <sup>5</sup>
Lorox	Sencor
Prefix	Valor

- <sup>1</sup> Intrro, Micro-Tech, others
- <sup>2</sup> s-metolachlor products preferred
- <sup>3</sup> Metribuzin + S-metolachlor
- <sup>4</sup> Reduced-rate label if followed by glyphosate
- <sup>5</sup> An ALS inhibitor

Effect of Roundup application timing and PRE herbicide on soybean yield. NC, 1998. Under heavy weed pressure.\*



\* All treatments had complete weed control after treatment.

## POST Herbicides with Glyphosate in RR Soybeans

Blazer	Harmony GT <sup>1</sup>
Classic <sup>1</sup>	Pursuit <sup>1</sup>
Firstrate <sup>1</sup>	Resource
Flexstar	Storm

<sup>1</sup> ALS inhibitor

# In RR soybeans, glyphosate tank-mix partner rate depends upon your objective

	Tank-mix partner rate		
Objective	Reduced	Full	
Boost morningglory control	$\checkmark$		
Weeds not controlled by glyphosate		$\checkmark$	
Residual control*		$\checkmark$	
Resistance management		$\checkmark$	

\* Must select a herbicide with residual activity.

### **Residual PRE Herbicides Under RR Corn**

Atrazine

Atrazine/Princep

Bicep II Magnum\*

Guardsman Max\*

Lariat\*

Lexar\*

\* Two-thirds to 1X normal rate.

### Time of Glyphosate Application on RR Corn. Average of 6 locations, NC.\*\*



#### **Time of first application**

\* 2- to 3.5-inch weeds.

\*\* Parker, York, and Jordan. 2006. Weed Technol. 20:564-570.



## Multiple MOAs for POST in RR Corn

Glyphosate + atrazine Glyphosate + dicamba Glyphosate + Aim Glyphosate + Resource Sequence + atrazine

## Glyphosate-Resistant Weeds

- Is the situation hopeless? NO.
- Is RR technology done? NO.

YES.

- Will it change our ways?
  - More managementMore inputs costs

