Symposium: Crop Specific Management Programs for HerbicideResistant Weeds

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Plans For Symposium....

- Griffin
 - Update status of herbicide-resistant (HR) weeds in the U.S. and in Louisiana
 - Mechanism of HR weed development
- Stephenson Specific management programs for rows crops
- Webster Specific management programs for rice

Request that questions be held until the end ...

Herbicide Resistance

- Recent popular press articles state:
 - Resistance threatens the ability of crop producers to farm profitably
- Glyphosate gets the headlines, but numerous weed species are resistant to many herbicide modes of action.



"Glyphosate-resistant Palmer amaranth is the most significant threat to agriculture that I have seen in my 30+ years." Dr. Ken Smith, Extension Weed Scientist, Univ. of Arkansas.

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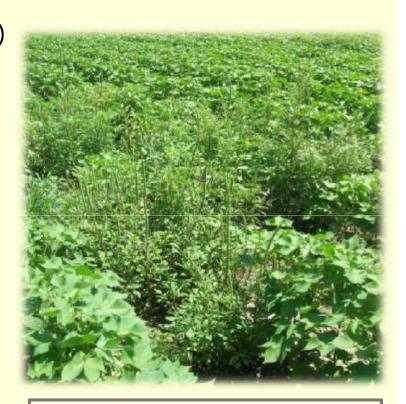
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Griffin 2013 – "Herbicide resistance implies that the herbicide <u>at one time</u> controlled the weed but <u>no longer</u> provides control."

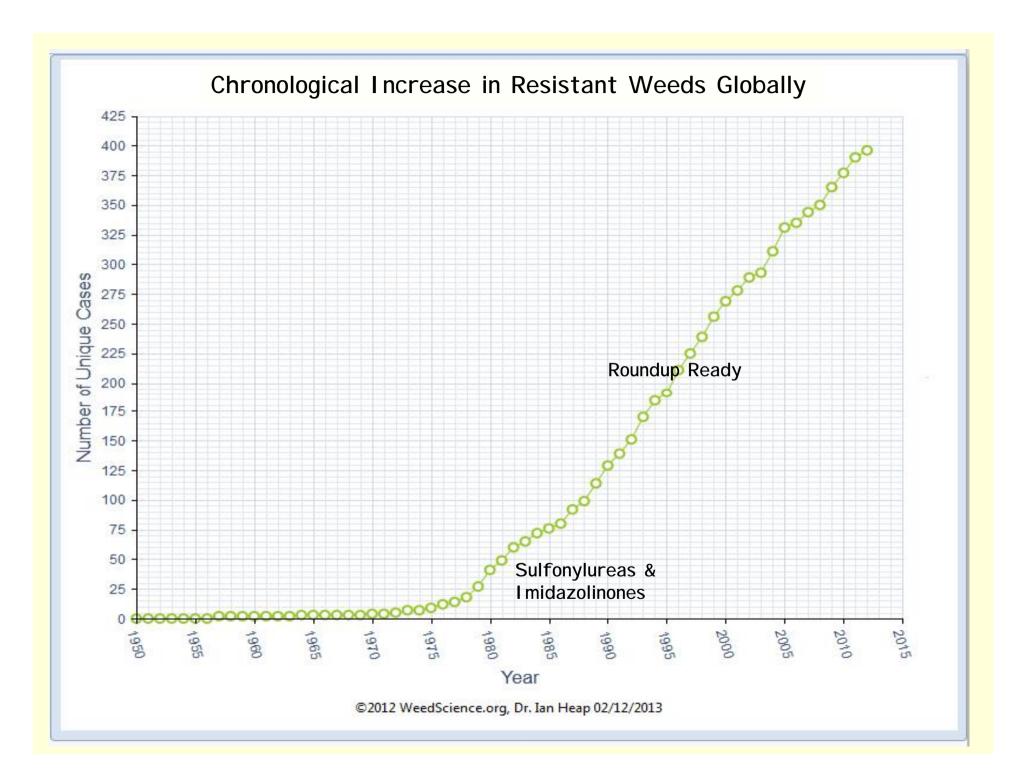
Herbicide-Resistant Weeds in U.S.

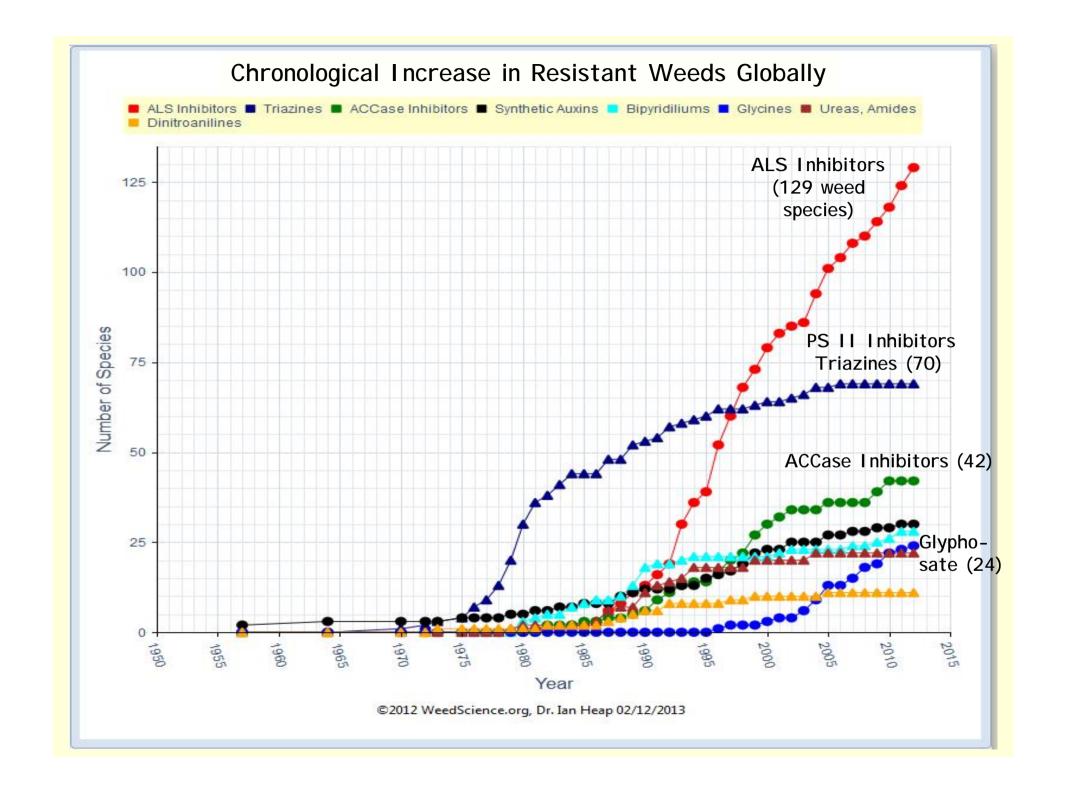
- <u>1957</u>: Synthetic auxin-resistant (2,4-D) spreading dayflower
- 1964: Synthetic auxin-resistant (2,4-D) field bindweed
- <u>1970</u>: Triazine-resistant (simazine) common groundsel
- <u>1972</u>: Triazine-resistant (atrazine) smooth pigweed
- 1973: DNA-resistant (trifluralin) goosegrass
- <u>1975</u>: Triazine-resistant (atrazine, simazine, metribuzin) lambsquarters



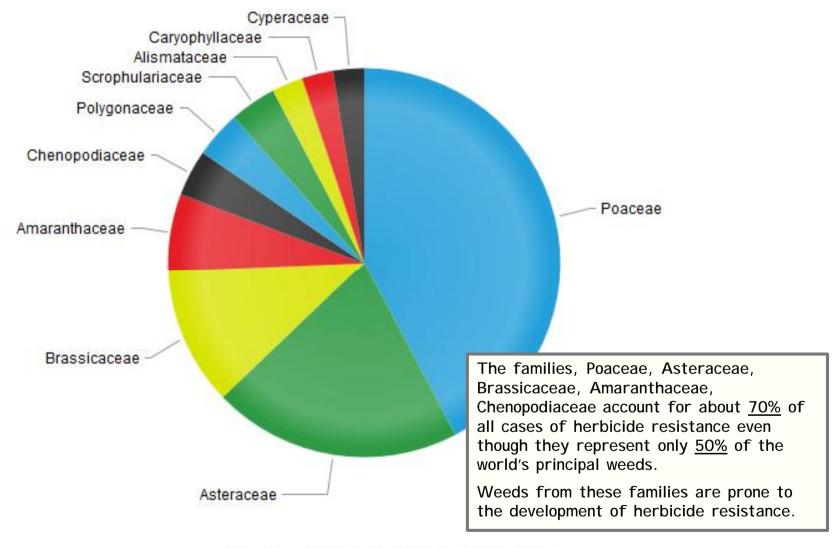
2013: 142 weed species confirmed as herbicide resistant in U.S.

Source: Ian Heap, www.weedscience.org





% of Herbicide-Resistant Species by Weed Families (top 10)



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Herbicide Resistant Weeds in Louisiana

Herbicide Resistant Weeds in United States				
#	Species	Common Name	FirstYear	Site of Action
		State: Louisiana		
167	Xanthium strumarium	Common cocklebur	1992	Organoarsenicals (Z/17)
168	Echinochloa crus-galli	Barnyardgrass	1995	Ureas and amides (C2/7)
169	Sorghum halepense	Johnsongrass	1997	ACCase inhibitors (A/1)
170	<u>Rottboellia exalta</u>	Itchgrass	1997	ACCase inhibitors (A/1)
171	Echinochloa crus-galli	Barnyardgrass	1998	Synthetic Auxins (O/4)
172	<u>Leptochloa panicoides</u>	Amazon Sprangletop	2009	ACCase inhibitors (A/1)
173	Amaranthus palmeri	Palmer Amaranth	2010	Glycines (G/9)
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167 MSMA (Sanders); 168 Propanil (Sanders); 169 Select/Fusilade (Miller & Sanders); 170 Fusilade (Sanders); 171 Facet (Sanders); 172 Clincher/Ricestar HT (Norsworthy); 173 Glyphosate (Stephenson); 174 Glyphosate (Griffin)

Are There Other Herbicide Resistant Weeds in Louisiana?

- Most likely there are others that have not been "confirmed" but are suspect, e.g., glyphosate-resistant horseweed, ryegrass; ALS-resistant weeds
- To post on the "International Survey of Herbicide-Resistant Weeds" website:
 - Resistance must be "confirmed" by an unbiased scientist through comparison of resistant and susceptible plants of the same species in a replicated and scientifically sound trial.

How do Weeds Become Resistant to Herbicides?

- Caused by over reliance on herbicides with the same mode of action
 - ACCase herbicides Select, Fusilade, or Assure used for grass control in several crops over several years
 - ALS herbicides used in several crops over years
 - Glyphosate products used in several crops over years
- Use of herbicides with the same mode of action impose "selection pressure" on a weed population

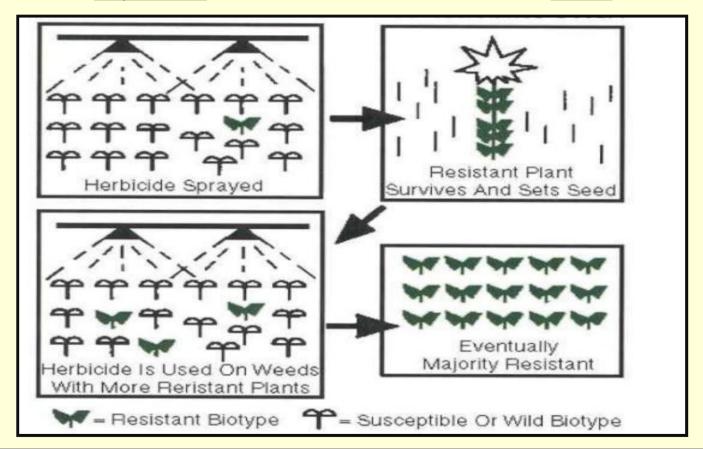


<u>Note</u>: Herbicides do <u>not</u> cause a genetic mutation in the weed making it resistant to the herbicide.

Rather, the "resistant" weed has always been present in the population, but at a very low level.

Development of HR Weeds

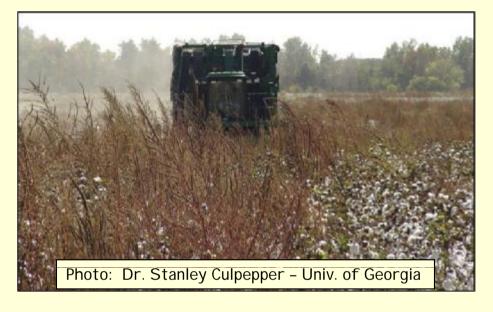
The problem arises because of selection pressure imposed on a weed population with <u>repeated</u> use of herbicides with the <u>same</u> mode of action.



This process can occur very slowly or very rapidly depending on the weed.

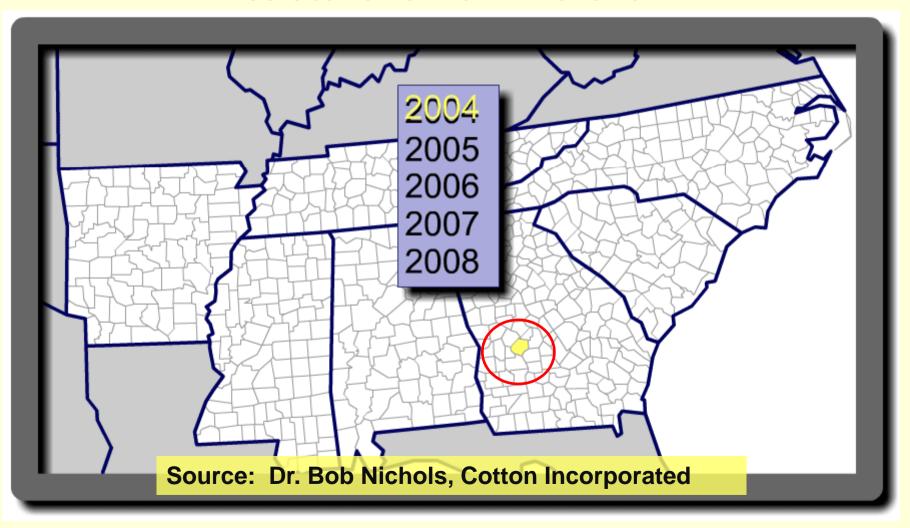
Source: J.L. Gunsolus. Herbicide Resistant Weeds. 1998.

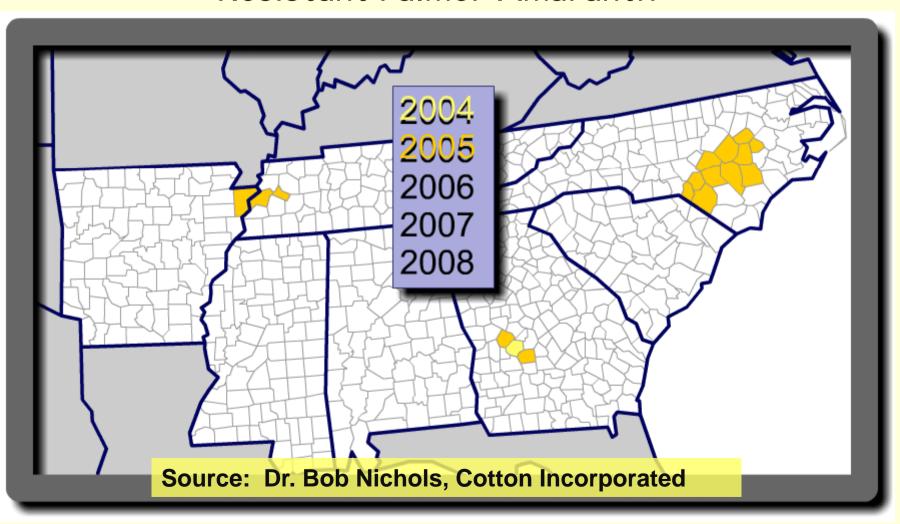


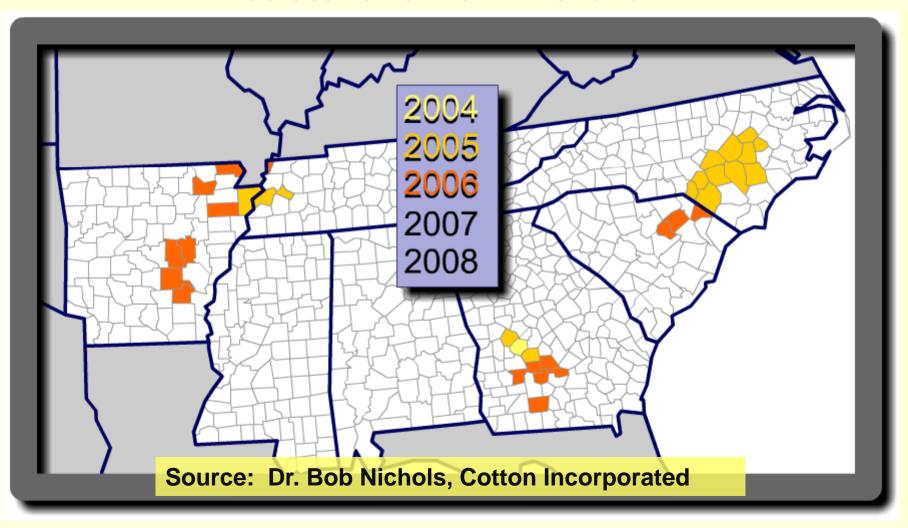


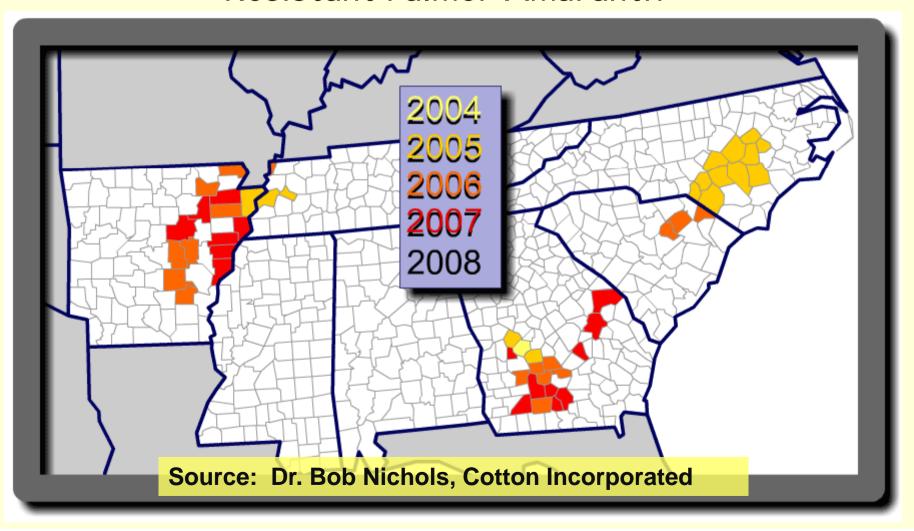


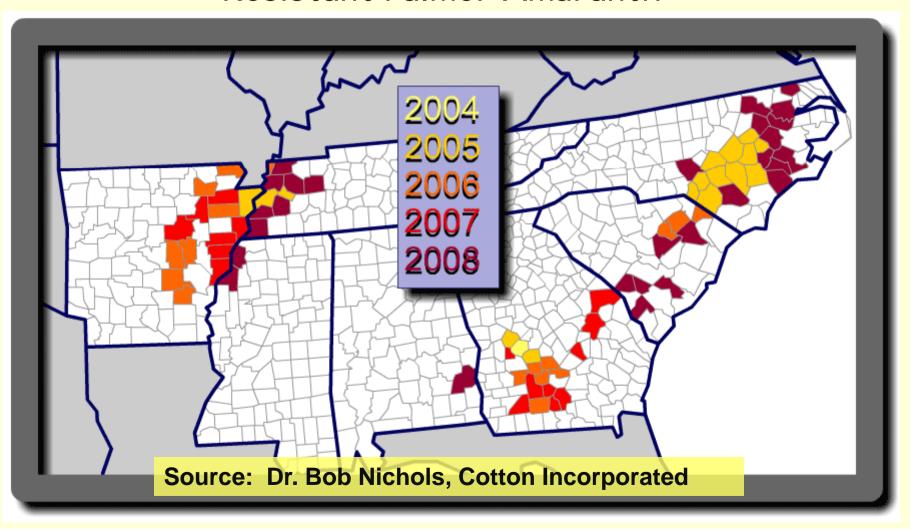












Cotton Field With Glyphosate-Resistant Palmer amaranth Macon County, GA



Source: Stanley Culpepper, University of Georgia

When to Suspect Resistance?

- The field or area with the weed problem sprayed <u>repeatedly</u> with the <u>same</u> herbicide or herbicides with the <u>same</u> mode of action.
- Surviving plants intermingled with dead plants of the same size.
- Patches of weeds occur in the same spot year after year and are getting larger.





Why has Louisiana lagged behind other southern states in weed resistance problems?

Sometimes it is good to be last...

Early education programs started in 2006 provided time to prepare.





What can be done to delay or prevent development of HR weeds?

What programs can be used to manage HR weeds already present?





These questions will be addressed by Drs. Stephenson and Webster..

