

**Interagency/Institutional Strategy Meeting
Response to Glyphosate-Resistant Palmer Amaranth**

*USDA-ARS Richard B. Russell Research Center, Athens, Georgia
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Glyphosate-resistant Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*) poses a serious threat to conservation tillage in the Southeast, Mid-South, and wherever it may occur. USDA-NRCS is aware of the threat and anxious to respond. The problem is serious and there is a clear need for a strong interagency/institutional partnership to fight the problem.

The objective of this meeting is to bring together weed scientists from the impacted states, federal agencies with responsibilities in the impacted and potentially impacted research and action areas, and other stakeholders to assess the problem and formulate appropriate responses.

MEETING AGENDA (Draft 2)

08:30 Welcome , Introductions and Overview - Wayne Reeves

08:45 Situation Assessment

08:45-9:05 NC – Bob Nichols for Alan York
9:05-9:25 SC – Mike Marshall
9:25-9:45 GA – Stanley Culpepper
9:45-10:05 AR – Jason Norsworthy

10:05-10:15 BREAK

10:15-10:30 TN – Bob Nichols or Larry Steckel
10:30-10:50 MS - TBD
10:50-11:10 GA - Ted Webster
11:10-11:30 AL – Andy Price
11:30-11:50 NRCS – David Lamm

11:50-12:50 WORKING LUNCH

12:50-13:50 Possible Solutions – Discussion led by Jeff Steiner

13:50-14:50 Action and Research Plans – Discussion led by Bob Nichols

14:50-15:50 Resources and Funding Possibilities – Discussion led by TBD.

15:50 - 16:20 Summary of Pending Matters and Action Plan - TBD

16:30 ADJOURN

Directions and Accommodations – available at:

http://www.ars.usda.gov/main/site_main.htm?modecode=66-12-09-00

Bob's NOTES:

AR, GA, NC, SC, and TN do not represent the full extent of the problem. Rather they are only those states with data proving resistance in certain seed lots collected through 2007. There are at least five suspected resistant populations in MS. There are suspected resistant populations of tall water hemp (*Amaranthus tuberculatus*) in East Texas (Mike Chandler) and Louisiana (Sandy Stewart and Roger Carter).

Others who we should inform/consult/invite.

1. I will contact Don Parker of the National Cotton Council today. (cc'ed above.) (emailed on 7/2 no response by 7/12 Bob will call. .)
2. Richie Seaton – Georgia Cotton Commission (Wayne called his office. Status?)
3. Al Tasker of USDA-APHIS has expressed interest in glyphosate-resistant weeds.
4. We should inform Monsanto, invite them to send a representative if they are interested, and not ask them for money. (Wayne and Bob concur. Bob to call Doug Rushing done 7/11.)
5. Kater Hake wants to come.
6. We need a list of all those invited.

Best Regards,
Bob

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