



# OGCSA Pest Management Webinar Series

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*Presented By*

We will begin at the top of the hour.



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# WEED CONTROL OVERVIEW - NATURALIZED AREAS TO RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT







# 2013 US Open - Merion





2014 US Open - Pinehurst #2

# 2015 US Open - Chambers Bay



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OTHER THAN MAJORS

WHAT'S DRIVING THIS?

A black dog is sniffing the base of a clump of tall, dry grass in a green field. The background features a line of trees under a sunset sky with orange and pink hues.

OFTEN INCREASE  
WILDLIFE HABITAT

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MEANS TO  
REDUCE MOWING

# OTHER BENEFITS

- Wildlife and pollinator habitat
- Water conservation
- Reducing fuel use
- Free labor for other projects

AREAS REQUIRE

SPECIALIZED  
MANAGEMENT



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MOST COMMON

SPECIES USED



COOL-SEASON

FINE FESCUES



*BOUTELOUA GRACILIS*

BLUE GRAMA



*BOUTELOUA CURTIPENDULA*

SIDEOATS GRAMA





Miscanthis



Ravenna Grass



Big Bluestem



Pennisetum



Miscanthus



## MANY OTHERS



Big Bluestem



Pennisetum



# GENERAL TRENDS

- Foundation of program is a spring PRE
  - Establishment year is VERY difficult
- Difficulty applying POST (tracking)
  - May need to spot spray
  - Specialized nozzles?
- Mowing/Burning during winter on C4 species



STARTS WITH

SPECIES SELECTION



## Low Input Turf

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## Low Input Turf Using Fine Fescues

**Video: Optimal Seeding Timings for Fineleaf Fescue from Rutgers University >**



Turfgrass researchers from Rutgers recently produced many interesting videos as part of their [2020 Virtual Turfgrass Research Field Day](#). This video features Brad Park, a laboratory researcher at Rutgers who conducts research as part of our [Low Input Turf project](#), discussing research on optimal seeding times for fine fescues.

[Read more >>>](#)

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 - 13:00

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Where to go for fine fescue information?

[lowinputturf.umn.edu](http://lowinputturf.umn.edu)

# FINE FESCUES

- Creeping red fescue (*Festuca rubra*)
  - Strong creeping red fescue (*Festuca rubra* spp. *rubra*)
  - Slender creeping red fescue (*Festuca rubra* spp. *littoralis*)
- Hard fescue (*Festuca brevipilla*)
- Chewing's fescue (*Festuca rubra* spp. *fallax*)
- Sheep fescue (*Festuca avina*)

# TOLERANCES

	GROWTH	FULL SUN	SHADE	H2O	SEED VIGOR
STRONG CR	RHIZ.	POOR	GOOD	FAIR	GOOD
SLENDER CR	SHORT RHIZ.	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR
HARD	BUNCH	GOOD	FAIR	GOOD	FAIR
CHEWING'S	BUNCH	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR
SHEEP	BUNCH	GOOD	FAIR	EXC.	FAIR

Info via. Aaron Patton, Ph.D.

# MIXTURES FOR ROUGHS

- Hard fescue (40%)
- Sheep fescue (40%)
- Creeping red (10%)
- Chewing's (10%)



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Photo courtesy of Aaron Patton, PhD

DIFFICULTY IN

ESTABLISHMENT YEAR



# ESTABLISHMENT

- Slow to establish from seed (germination in 7-10 days)
- Typical rate is 5 lb/M
- Seed **does not** store well
  - Germination % test
  - Don't use material older than 6 months
- Mowing (after tillering) can help reduce weed pressure in establishment year

# MOWING

- Spring & Fall
  - Not in summer
  - Moisture stress (traffic?)
- Heights > 3 inches
- Reduced to 2-3 times annually
- Grow 6 to 12 inches in height



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# NUTRITION

- 2 lb N/M in year one, sequentially at seeding
- 1 lb N/M after establishment
  - Possibility to skip a year
- Tolerate wide range of soil pH

# PEST MANAGEMENT

- Herbicide use discouraged in establishment year
  - POST products for BLW after mature enough to mow
  - Some phyto possible
- Fine fescue will be injured by chlorothalonil

# FINE FESCUE HERBICIDES - PRE

- Pendulum AquaCap  
(pendimethalin)
- Barricade  
(prodiamine)
- Dimesnion  
(dithiopyr)
- Echelon  
(prod.+ sulfentrazone)
- Gallery  
(isoxaben)
- Crew  
(isoxaben + dithiopyr)
- Tupersan  
(siduron)
- Tower  
(dimethenamid-P)
- Balan  
(benefin)

GROUP **1** HERBICIDE

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# Fusilade® II

Turf and ornamental herbicide

syngenta®

## Herbicide

For the control of grass weeds in landscape areas, roadsides, nurseries, greenhouses, flower beds, groundcovers, interiorscapes, parks, sports fields, golf courses, commercial and residential areas.

*Active Ingredient:*

Fluazifop-P-butyl

Butyl (R)-2-[4-[[5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]oxy]phenoxy]propanoate\* . . . . . 24.5%

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*Other Ingredients* . . . . . 75.5%

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*Total:* . . . . . 100.0%

**Grass Weed Control in Fine Fescue turfgrass (Chewings, hard and creeping red fescue):** Apply at 8-16 fl oz/A with a nonionic surfactant to actively growing grass (monocot) weeds. Application can be repeated after 28 days. Applications at the boot stage may reduce Fine Fescue seedheads. Use a minimum of 30 gallons water per acre. Only Fine Fescues are tolerant to these rates of Fusilade II Turf and Ornamental Herbicide.

# FINE FESCUE HERBICIDES - POST

- Segment (sethoxydim)
- Acclaim Extra (fenoxaprop)
- Tenacity (mesotrione)
- Pylex (topramezone)
- SedgeHammer (halosulfuron)
- Drive XLR8 (quinclorac)
- Confront (triclopyr + clopyralid)
- Xonerate (amicarbazone)
- Dismiss (sulfentrazone)
- Quicksilver (carfentrazone)
- 2,4-D, Dicamba
- Numerous mixtures:
  - Escalade 2
  - Trimec
  - Powerzone
  - Speedzone
  - Q-4 Plus
  - Millenium Ultra 2
  - Momentum FX2
  - T-Zone

- New herbicide from Corteva
- Aminopyralid + 2,4-D (WSSA Group #4)
- 1.5 to 2.1 pt/A, max for year is 2.1 pt/A
- Timing based on target, e.g. Canada thistle = fall
- POST activity versus BLW with residual
  - Effective versus tall ironweed & Serecia lespedeza
  - May need pyridine for some species (e.g., Milkweed)

NativeKlean (1.7 pt/A) + Dimension (32 fl oz/A) 16 WAT

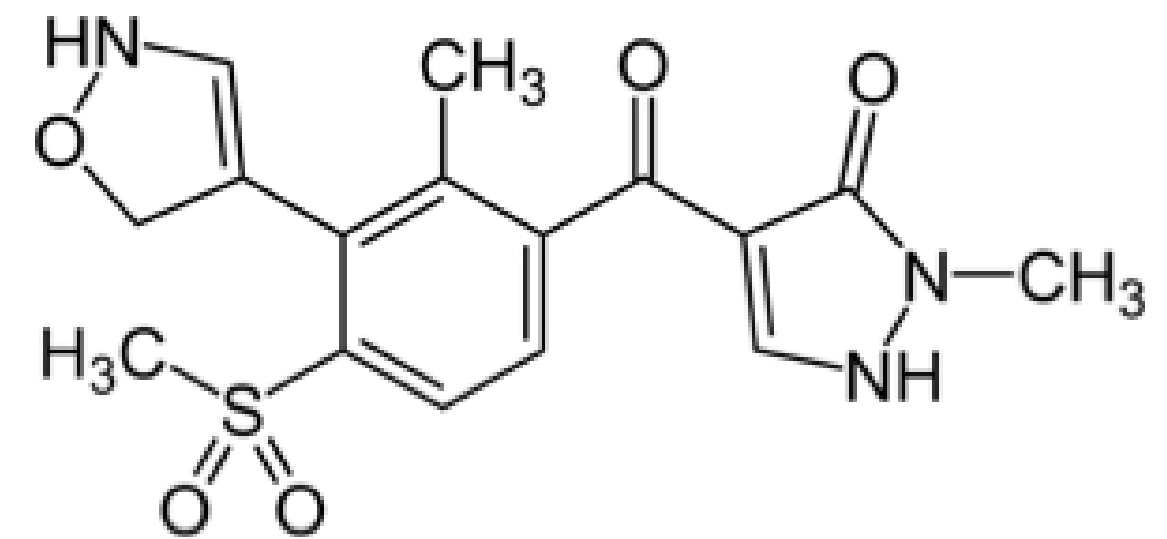


Non-treated check  
at 16 WAT



# Pylex

- Topramezone
- HPPD inhibitor
- Grassy weed control
- Tall fescue, KBG, PR, FF....CBG?
- Rates of 0.5 to 2.0 fl oz/A with MSO surfactant
- Yearly max at 4 fl oz/A

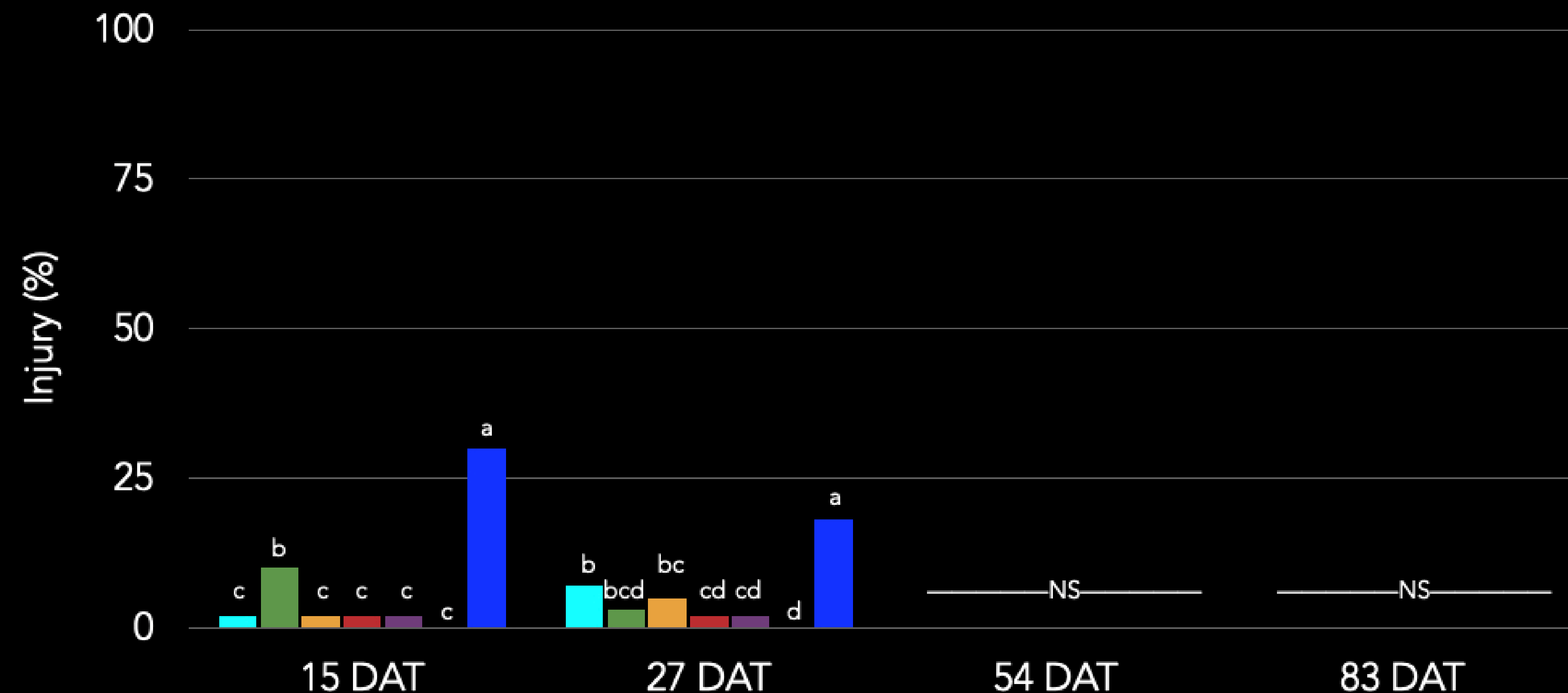




Safe for use in fine fescue naturalized areas with  
triclopyr as high as 3 fl oz/A

# LITTLE BLUESTEM TOLERANCE

■ Pylex (2) fb Pylex   ■ Pylex (4) fb Pylex   ■ Pylex (2) + Basagran (2 pt)   ■ Pylex (2) + Plateau (6 fl oz)  
■ Plateau (6 fl oz)   ■ Certainty (1.25 oz)   ■ Drive XLR8 + Pylex (2)



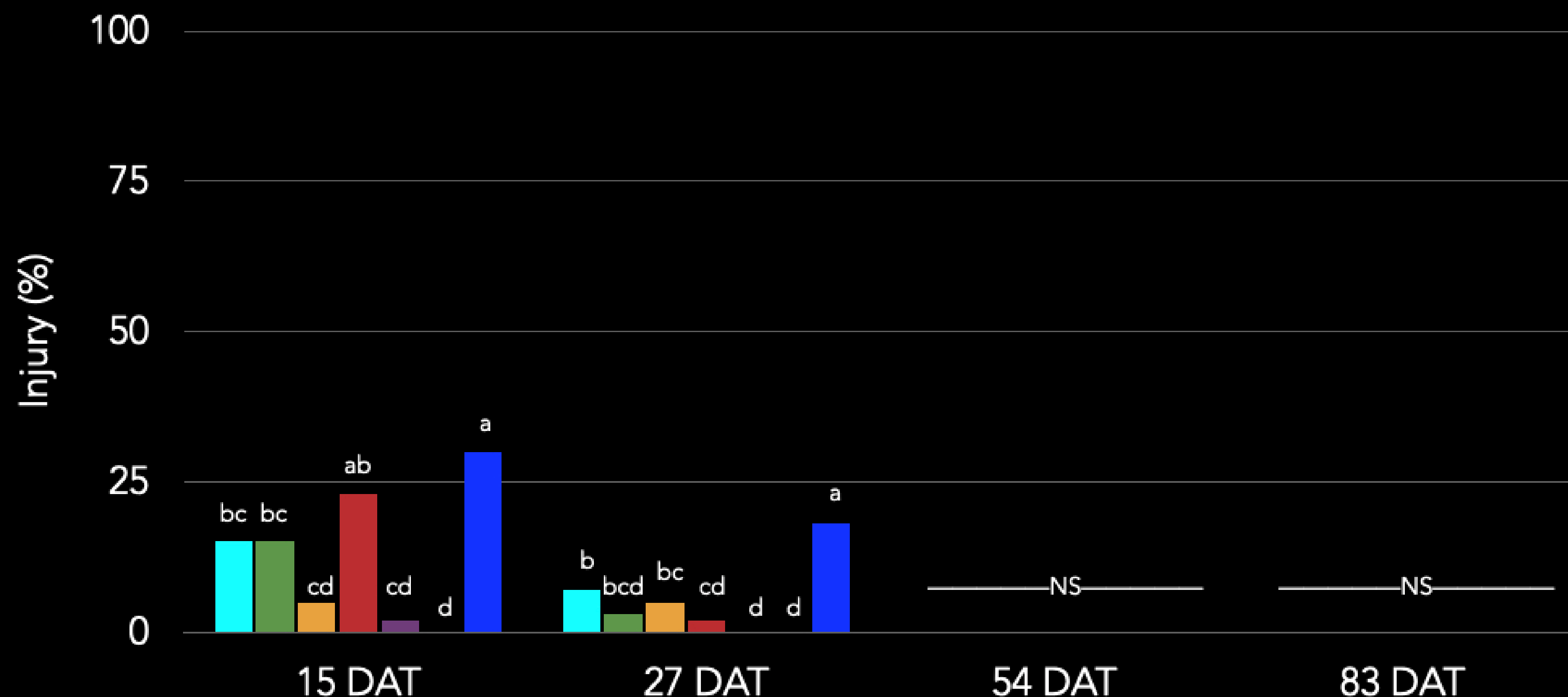
Treatments applied 13 May and 6 July at Lambert Acres G.C. (Alcoa, TN)

Means followed by same letter are not statistically different ( $P = 0.05$ )

All treatments included adjuvant according to label recommendations

# WEEPING LOVEGRASS TOLERANCE

■ Pylex (2) fb Pylex   ■ Pylex (4) fb Pylex   ■ Pylex (2) + Basagran (2 pt)   ■ Pylex (2) + Plateau (6 fl oz)  
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RESEARCH ON

ORNAMENTAL GRASS TOLERANCE

# Tolerance of Native and Ornamental Grasses to Over-the-top Applications of Topramezone Herbicide

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**Abstract.** Research was conducted to determine the tolerance of multiple native and ornamental grass species and one ornamental sedge species to over-the-top applications of the postemergence herbicide topramezone at three locations in the southeastern United States in 2016 and 2017. Fully rooted liners of selected grass species were outplanted into research plots in Apopka, FL; Dallas, TX; and Knoxville, TN in late spring, allowed time to establish (~1–2 months) and then treated with two applications of topramezone at either 0.05 or 0.10 kg a.i./ha at 6–8 weeks intervals. Results showed that species including *Andropogon virginicus* (broomsedge), *Schizachyrium scoparium* ‘The Blues’ (little bluestem), *Tripsacum dactyloides* (eastern gamagrass), and *Tripsacum floridanum* (florida gamagrass) exhibited the greatest tolerance to topramezone with <10% injury to no injury being evident after each application of both herbicide rates tested. *Chasmanthium latifolium* (wild oats), *Eragrostis elliottii* ‘Wind Dancer’, *Muhlenbergia capillaris* (pink muhly), and *Spartina bakeri* (sandcord grass) were significantly injured (50% injury or greater) at both herbicide rates. Average injury observed on *Panicum virgatum* ‘Shenandoah’ (red switchgrass) (ranging from 39% to 100% injury) and *Sorghastrum nutans* (indian grass) (ranging from 0% to 40% injury) was higher in Florida than in Tennessee (injury ranging from 23% to 43% on red switchgrass and 0% to 10% on indian grass). Similarly, *Pennisetum alopecuroides* (dwarf fountain grass) showed higher tolerance in Texas (ranging from 0% to 34% injury) compared with those observed in Tennessee (ranging from 0% to 53% injury). Topramezone injury to *Carex appalachica* (appalachian sedge) was ≤18% following two applications at both rates tested. Although no injury was observed in appalachian sedge following a single application up to 0.1 kg a.i. in Florida, plants succumbed to heat stress and accurate ratings could not be taken following the second application. Because of variability observed, tolerance of red switchgrass, indian grass, dwarf fountain grass, and appalachian sedge to applications of topramezone deserves further investigation. There is potential for future use of topramezone for control of certain grass and broadleaf weeds growing in and around certain ornamental grass species. However, as there was significant variability in tolerance based on species and differences in cultivars, testing a small group of plants before large-scale application would be recommended.

(Brzuszek and Harkess, 2009; Ozguner and Kendle, 2006).

Golf courses typically have areas referred to as “natural areas,” which are areas on the course beyond the maintained rough (Dunning, 2014). These areas are often promoted for their ecological function (Nelson, 1997) but can present/pose design and maintenance issues for golf course superintendents (Dunning, 2014). These naturalized areas average 25.8 acres or about 17% of the total golf course area (Gelernter et al., 2017), creating a need for readily available, low-input, and aesthetically pleasing plant species in these spaces (Dunning, 2014; Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2007). Ornamental and native grasses have been previously evaluated to determine their suitability and are now often used in these naturalized areas on golf courses (Dunning, 2014; Maddox et al., 2007; Voigt, 2002; Weston, 1990).

Although many of the most widely planted ornamental grass species are relatively resistant to disease, insect pests, or both (Thetford et al., 2009; Wilson and Knox, 2009), weed control continues to be a challenge for both landscape applicators and golf course superintendents managing large monocultures of ornamental grasses. Most of the research on ornamental grass tolerance to herbicide applications has focused on pre-emergence (PRE) herbicides labeled for use in container production. Research focusing on container-grown ornamental grasses has shown that many species are tolerant to over-the-top applications of common PRE herbicides including pendimethalin, prodiamine, isoxaben, and others (Cole and Cole, 2007; Glaze et al., 1980; Neal and Senesac, 1991). However, these herbicides would provide little benefit to areas already infested with weeds on golf courses or in landscapes.

A few studies have investigated the impacts of postemergence (POST) herbicides on ornamental grasses. Hubbard and Whitwell (1991) evaluated response of 12 ornamental grasses from nine genera to applications of three graminicides including fenoxaprop-ethyl, fluazifop-P-butyl, and sethoxydim. Significant injury, growth reduction, or both were noted among most species with all three herbicides with the exception of fenoxaprop-ethyl applications to *Calamagrostis arundinacea* ‘Karl Foerster’. The authors also reported a high degree of tolerance in two other *Calamagrostis* cultivars [*C. arundinacea*

# 2016 ORNAMENTAL GRASS TRIAL

## TOLERANT

BROOMEDGE  
FEATHER REED GRASS  
LITTLE BLUESTEM  
FAKAHATCHEE GRASS  
MAIDENGRASS

\*\*  $\leq 10\%$  INJURY

Similar Results at UF and TAMU

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FOUNTAINGRASS

SWITCHGRASS

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RECOVERY

## AVOID

PRAIRIE DROPSEED  
RIVER OATS  
MUHLY GRASS  
LOVEGRASS

\*\* UP TO 73% INJURY

Similar Results at UF and TAMU

2015 Fescue Native Areas Budget																
		4	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	4			
	Product	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Rate/Acre	Prod./App	Total App
Herb	Fusilade II			1	1	1	1	1	1					4.00	0.63	6
	Pylex									1	1			1.50	7.50	2
	Turflon Ester			1	1	1	1	1	1	1				32.00	1.25	7
					*	*		*								

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Summer applications -> summer annual grasses

Mowing in fall followed by  
Fall applications -> bermudagrass

\* spot treatments at interface for bermudagrass encroachment

DIFFERENCES WITH

# WARM SEASON SPECIES



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SPECIMEN

**PLATEAU**<sup>®</sup>  
*herbicide*

FOR WEED CONTROL, NATIVE GRASS ESTABLISHMENT AND TURF GROWTH  
SUPPRESSION ON PASTURES, RANGELAND AND NONCROP AREAS AND  
CONIFER PLANTATION SITE PREPARATION

**Active Ingredient:**

Ammonium salt of imazapic (±)-2-[4,5-dihydro-4-methyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-5-oxo-1H-imidazol-  
2-yl]-5-methyl-3-pyridinecarboxylic acid\*

23.6%

**Other Ingredients:**

76.4%

**Total:**

100.0%

## TOLERANT GRASS SPECIES<sup>1</sup>

Prairiegrass		Plateau Rate (oz/A) <sup>2</sup>	
Common Name	Genus Species	New Seeding	Established
Big Bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	2-12	2-12
Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	2-12	2-12
Indiangrass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	2-12	2-12
Bushy Bluestem	<i>Andropogon glomeratus</i>	—*	2-12
King Ranch Bluestem	<i>Bothriochloa ischaemum</i>	—	2-12
Silver Beard Bluestem	<i>Bothriochloa saccharoides</i>	—	2-12
Broomsedge	<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	—	2-12
Fingergrass, Rhodes grass	<i>Chloris</i> spp.	—	2-12
Needlegrass	<i>Stipa</i> spp.	—	2-12
Needleandthread	<i>Stipa comata</i>	—	2-12
Kearny (Plains) Threeawn	<i>Aristida longespica</i>	—	2-12
Prairie Threeawn	<i>Aristida oligantha</i>	—	2-12
Prairie Sandreed	<i>Calamovilfa longifolia</i>	—	2-12
Smooth Bromegrass	<i>Bromus inermis</i>	—	2-12
Kentucky Bluegrass	<i>Poa pratensis</i>	—	2-12 <sup>4</sup>
Sandberg's Bluegrass	<i>Poa sandbergii</i>	—	2-12
Wheatgrasses	<i>Agropyron</i> spp.	—	2-12
Bottlebrush Squirreltail	<i>Sitanion hystrix</i>	—	2-12
Russian Wild Ryegrass	<i>Elymus junceus</i>	2-6 <sup>2</sup>	2-12
Sideoats Grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	2-8 <sup>3</sup>	2-8
Blue Grama	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	2-8 <sup>3</sup>	2-8
Buffalograss	<i>Buchloe dactyloides</i>	2-4	2-8
Eastern Gamagrass	<i>Tripsacum dactyloides</i>	2-6 <sup>3</sup>	2-8

<sup>1</sup> See individual grass sections for application timing.

<sup>2</sup> High rates may result in stunting and growth suppression.

<sup>3</sup> Blue grama and sideoats grama are tolerant to higher rates.

ALS inhibitor

Broad spectrum  
weed control

Grass, BLW,  
Sedge

Some  
bermudagrass  
suppression at  
high rates



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## **1.0 INGREDIENTS**

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Sulfosulfuron ..... 75.0%

OTHER INGREDIENTS: ..... 25.0%

100.0%

# 10.0 NATIVE GRASSES

This product generally has been shown to be safe for use on the warm-season native grasses listed in this section.

## **Big bluestem**

*Andropogon gerardii*

## **Little bluestem**

*Schizachyrium scoparium*

## **Bushy bluestem**

*Andropogon glomeratus*

## **Blue grama**

*Bouteloua gracilis*

## **Buffalograss**

*Bouteloua dactyloides*

## **Indiangrass**

*Sorghastrum nutans*

## **Lovegrass**

*Eragrostis curvula*

## **Switchgrass**

*Panicum virgatum*

ALS Inhibitor for Grass, BLW, and Sedge Control

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						*		*	*	*						

## Burning in February

Early applications -> winter annual weeds & bermudagrass

Mowing in June followed by  
Summer applications -> summer annual grasses

Mowing in late August followed by  
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\* spot treatments at interface for bermudagrass encroachment

# Integrated Program

SPRING PRE?

Integrated Program



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BURNING?

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**WARM SEASON SPECIES ONLY**  
**USUALLY RECOMMENDED ONCE 2-4 EVERY YEARS**  
**LATER IN SPRING BETTER (SAFETY) BUT BALANCE**  
**WITH PLAY**

SPRING PRE?

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## Integrated Program

MOWING

HERBICIDE

# More herbicide options C3 vs C4



# GENERAL COMMENTS ON HERBICIDES

- Test small scale areas first
- Many products have statements that allow evaluation on species not listed as tolerant on the label
  - You assume all risk
- Make sure product use site is golf course, ornamental planting, wildflower planting, etc.

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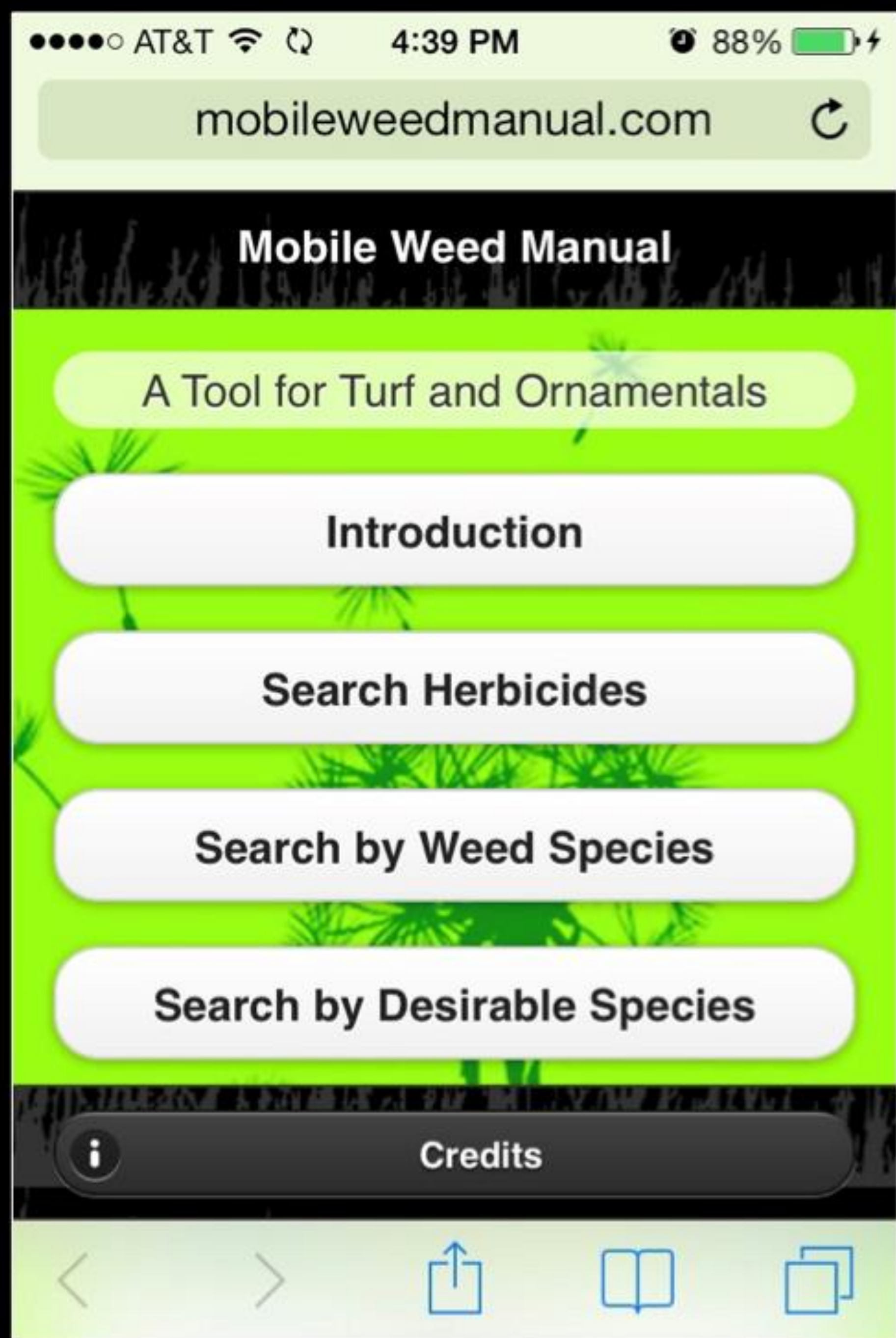
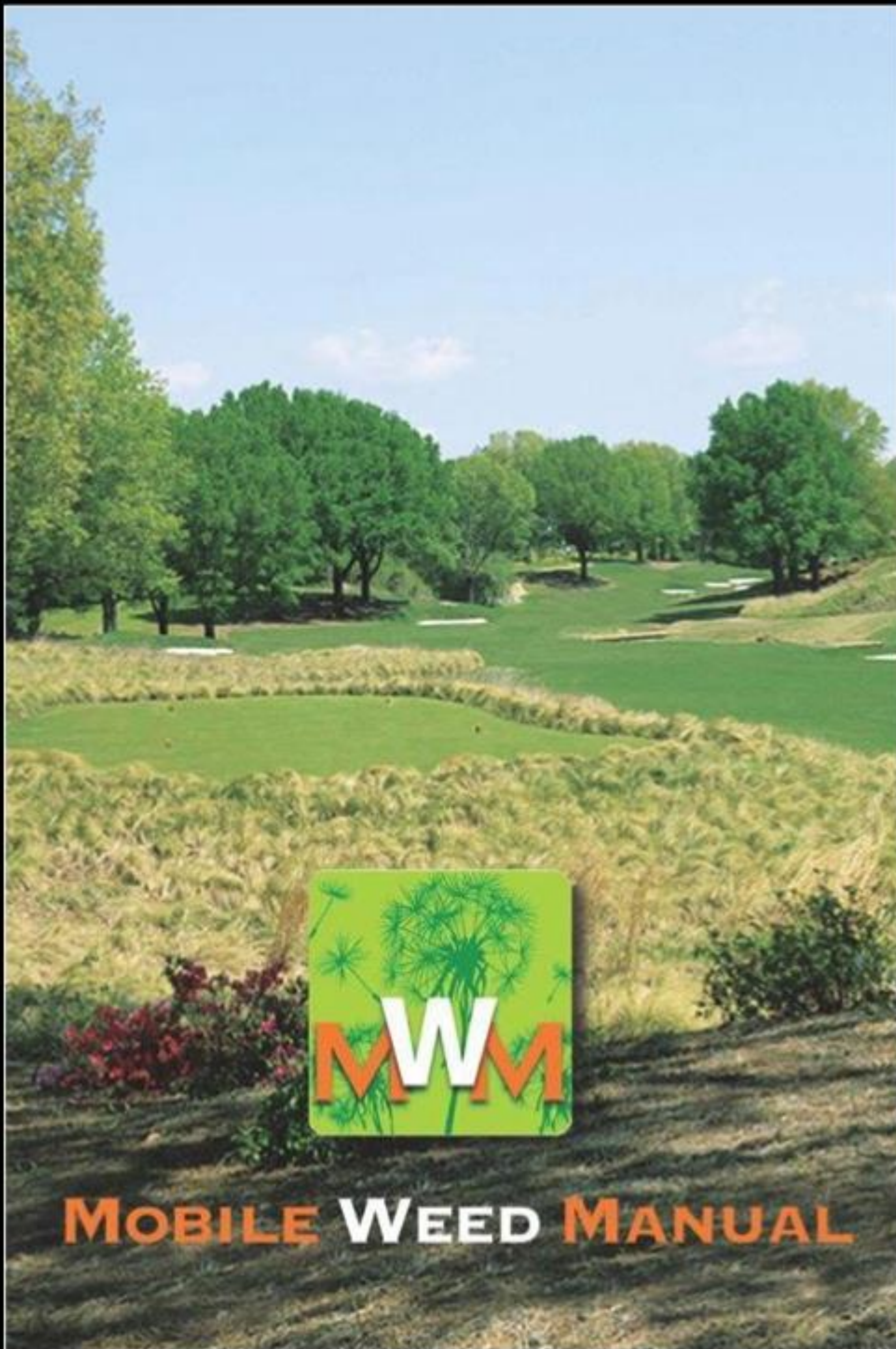
Herbicide Resistance Field Day  
Struggling with annual bluegrass control? Learn more about the UT Herbicide Resistance Field Day on April 7th, 2015 at Windyke CC

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We work to provide green industry professionals science based information for controlling problematic weeds including dallisgrass, bermudagrass, and annual bluegrass. Herbicide resistance resources, field day information, weed identification tools, and mobile applications are all available here.

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# Polling Question



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Questions?

**- BREAK -**

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reconvene  
at 11:00am**

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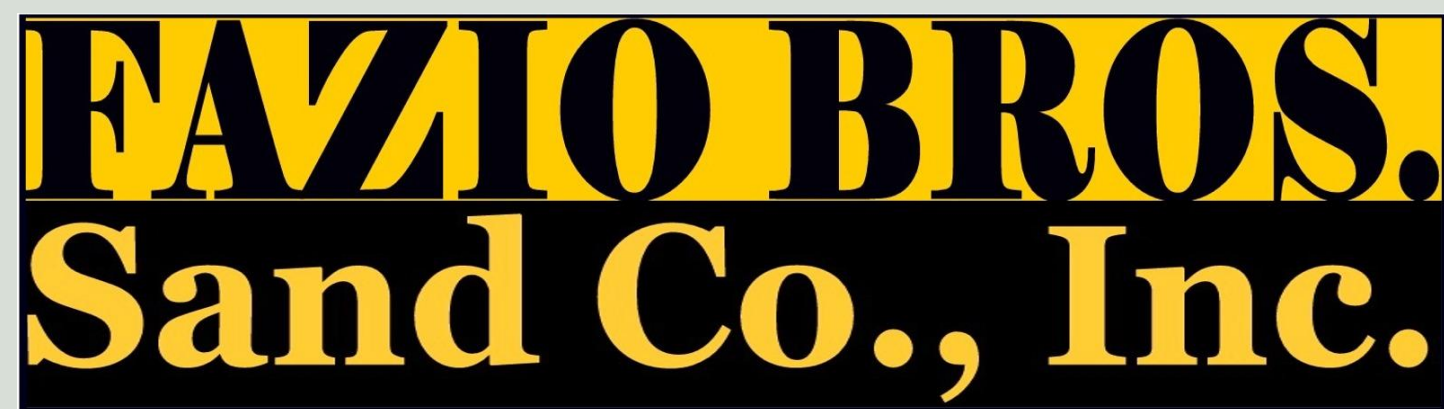
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**Break – We will  
reconvene at 11:00am**



# WEED CONTROL AND HERBICIDE RESISTANCE ISSUES

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ISSUE #1

# ACKNOWLEDGE THE THREAT OF HERBICIDE RESISTANCE

# WHAT IS HERBICIDE RESISTANCE?

“THE ABILITY OF PLANT TO SURVIVE AND REPRODUCE FOLLOWING EXPOSURE TO A DOSE OF HERBICIDE NORMALLY LETHAL TO THE WILD TYPE”



HOW THIS DIFFERS FROM  
**TOLERANCE**



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# RESISTANCE IS REAL



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APPLIED TURFGRASS SCIENCE

Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management

## Herbicide resistance in annual bluegrass on Tennessee golf courses

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### Abstract

Research was conducted to determine the extent of herbicide resistance in annual bluegrass (*Poa annua* L.) randomly collected from Tennessee golf courses during 2018. Harvested plants were cultured for seed collection, with progeny screened for resistance to glyphosate (Roundup Pro; 32 fl oz acre<sup>-1</sup>), foramsulfuron (Revolver; 17.4 fl oz acre<sup>-1</sup>), simazine (Princep 4FL; 2 qt acre<sup>-1</sup>), or prodi-amine (Barricade 65WG; 0.001 mM). In postemergence herbicide screens, annual bluegrass collections were grouped based on survival percentage: resistant (>30% survival), segregating for resistance (5–30% survival), or susceptible (<5% survival). For prodi-amine, annual bluegrass collections were screened in hydroponics and deemed resistant when <20% of plants exhibited symptoms of herbicide treatment (e.g., club roots), whereas those with >90% of plants showing symptoms were deemed susceptible; the remainder were intermediate and classified as segregating for resistance. In total, 64% of the annual bluegrass collections had some degree of resistance to glyphosate. Similarly, 21% had some degree of resistance to foramsulfuron, while 58% of annual bluegrass collections had some degree of resistance to prodi-amine. Only 3% of the annual bluegrass collections were susceptible to simazine, and 25% of those surviving treatment were resistant to glyphosate or foramsulfuron. Multiple resistance to glyphosate, foramsulfuron, and simazine was reported in 4% of the annual bluegrass collections. The results of this research highlight the need for more diversified weed management strategies to control annual bluegrass on Tennessee golf courses.

## 1 | INTRODUCTION

Annual bluegrass (*Poa annua* L.) was ranked as the fourth most common turfgrass weed in the United States and Canada (Van Wyche, 2017) and has been found on all con-

tinents globally, including Antarctica (Chwedorzewska, 2008). The widespread distribution of annual bluegrass is related to the species' ability to tolerate a wide range of environmental conditions. Annual bluegrass is day neutral, with seed germinable across a wide range of air temperature and light conditions (Itoh, Kobayashi, & Ueki, 1997; Johnson & White, 1997; McElroy, Walker, & Wehtje, 2004). Two varieties of annual bluegrass are common in

**Abbreviations:** MTI, mitotic inhibiting; WSSA, Weed Science Society of America.

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# ALARMING NUMBERS

- 64% Glyphosate resistant
- 58% Barricade resistant
- 21% Revolver resistant
  - No greens
- >90% Princep resistant
- 25% multiple resistance (e.g., Princep + Revolver)
- 4% Resistant to EVERYTHING



## Symposium

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### Nomenclature:

Annual bluegrass, *Poa annua* L.; crabgrass, *Digitaria* spp.; goosegrass, *Eleusine indica* (L.) Gaertn


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# Herbicide-resistant weeds in turfgrass: current status and emerging threats

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## Abstract

Herbicide-resistant weeds pose a severe threat to sustainable vegetation management in various production systems worldwide. The majority of the herbicide resistance cases reported thus far originate from agronomic production systems where herbicide use is intensive, especially in industrialized countries. Another notable sector with heavy reliance on herbicides for weed control is managed turfgrass systems, particularly golf courses and athletic fields. Intensive use of herbicides, coupled with a lack of tillage and other mechanical tools that are options in agronomic systems, increases the risk of herbicide-resistant weeds evolving in managed turfgrass systems. Among the notable weed species at high risk for evolving resistance under managed turf systems in the United States are annual bluegrass, goosegrass, and crabgrasses. The evolution and spread of multiple herbicide resistance, an emerging threat facing the turfgrass industry, should be addressed with the use of diversified management tools. Target-site resistance has been reported commonly as a mechanism of resistance for many herbicide groups, though non-target site resistance is an emerging concern. Despite the anecdotal evidence of the mounting weed resistance issues in managed turf systems, the lack of systematic and periodic surveys at regional and national scales means that confirmed reports are very limited and sparse. Furthermore, currently available information is widely scattered in the literature. This review provides a concise summary of the current status of herbicide-resistant weeds in managed turfgrass systems in the United States and highlights key emerging threats.

More than just *Poa annua*

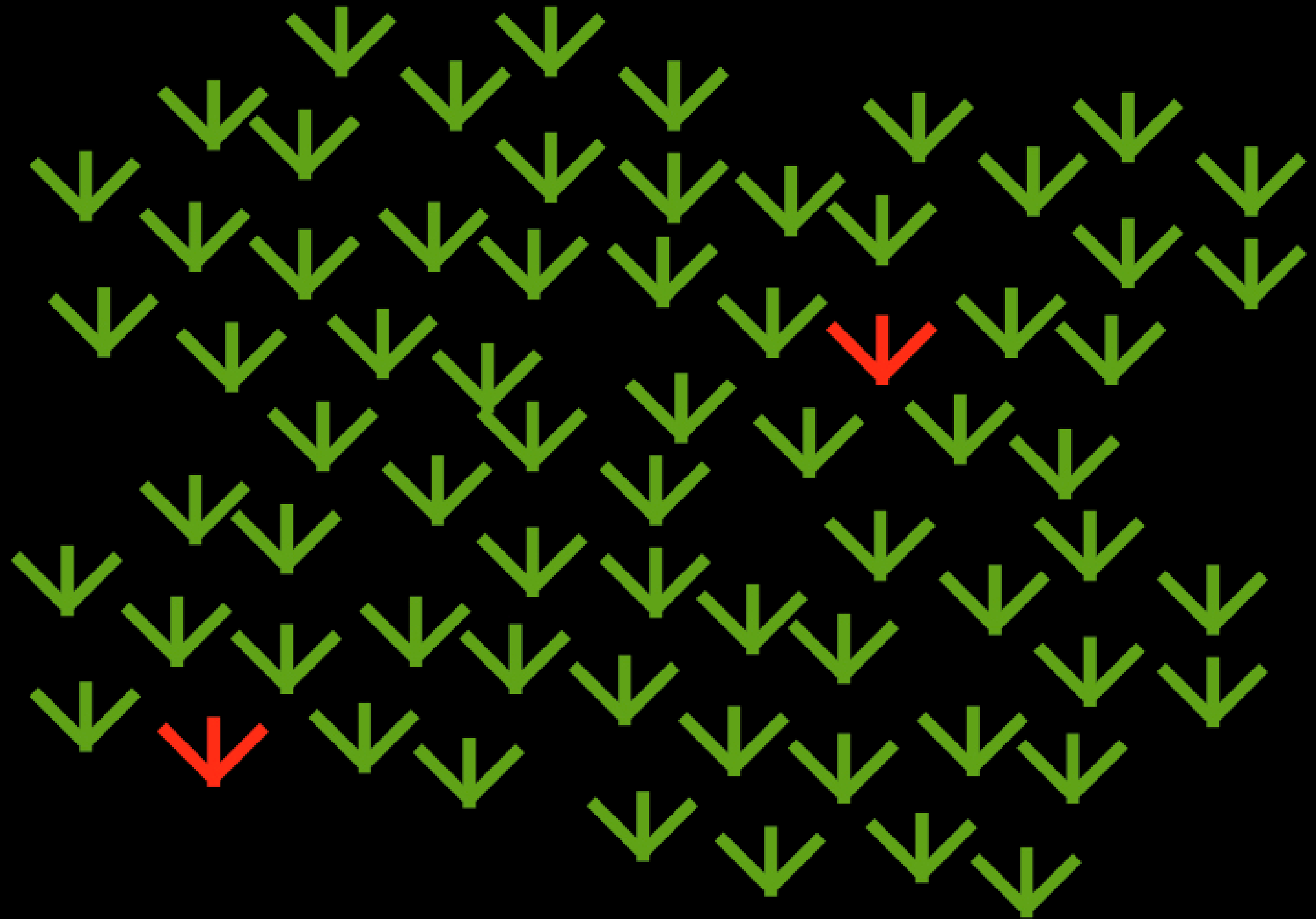


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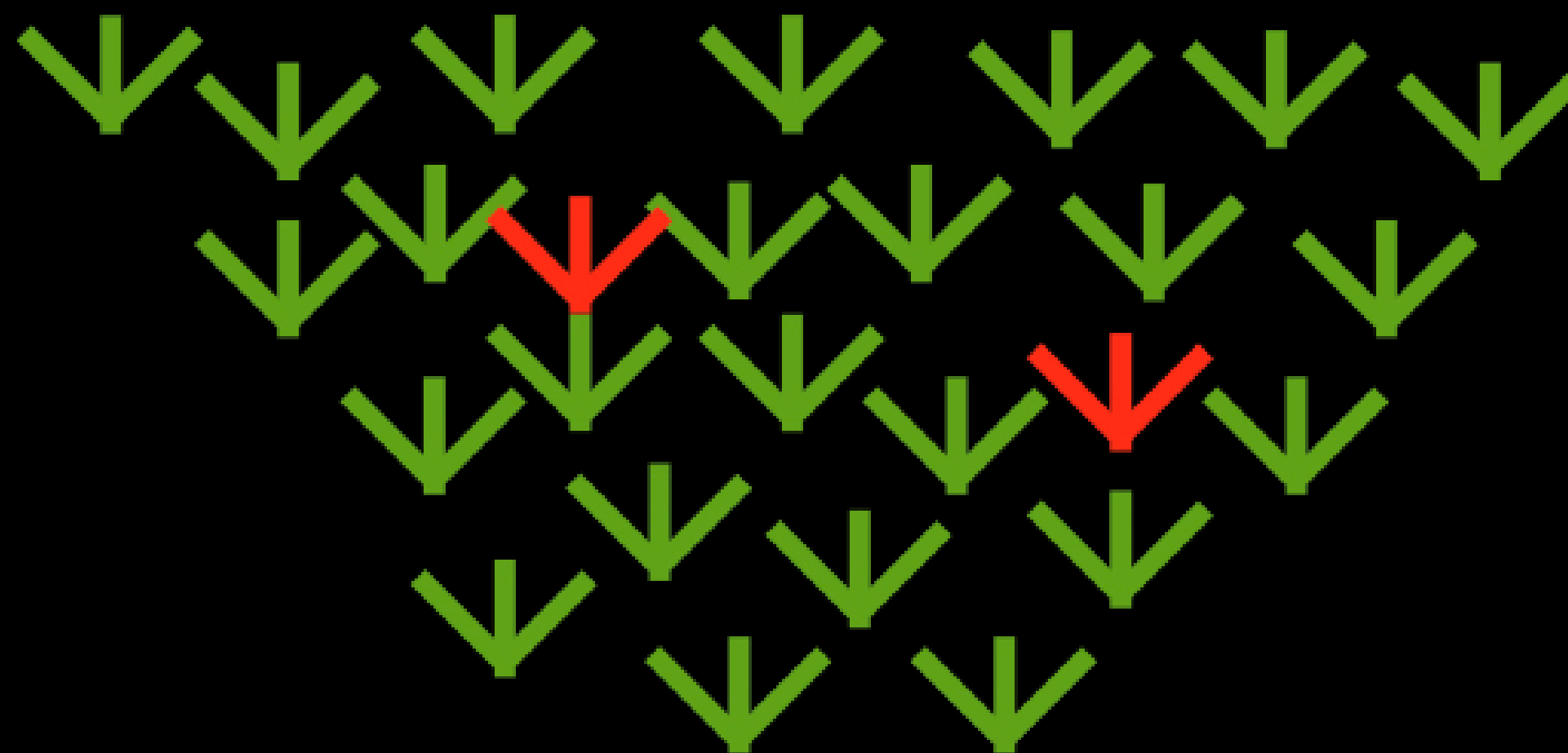
- Continued use of same herbicides without rotation
- Lack of diversified weed management/IPM
- “I spray product X for weed Y”

TRY TO THINK OF  
HERBICIDES AS  
SIEVES





A Population of Weeds



Alive

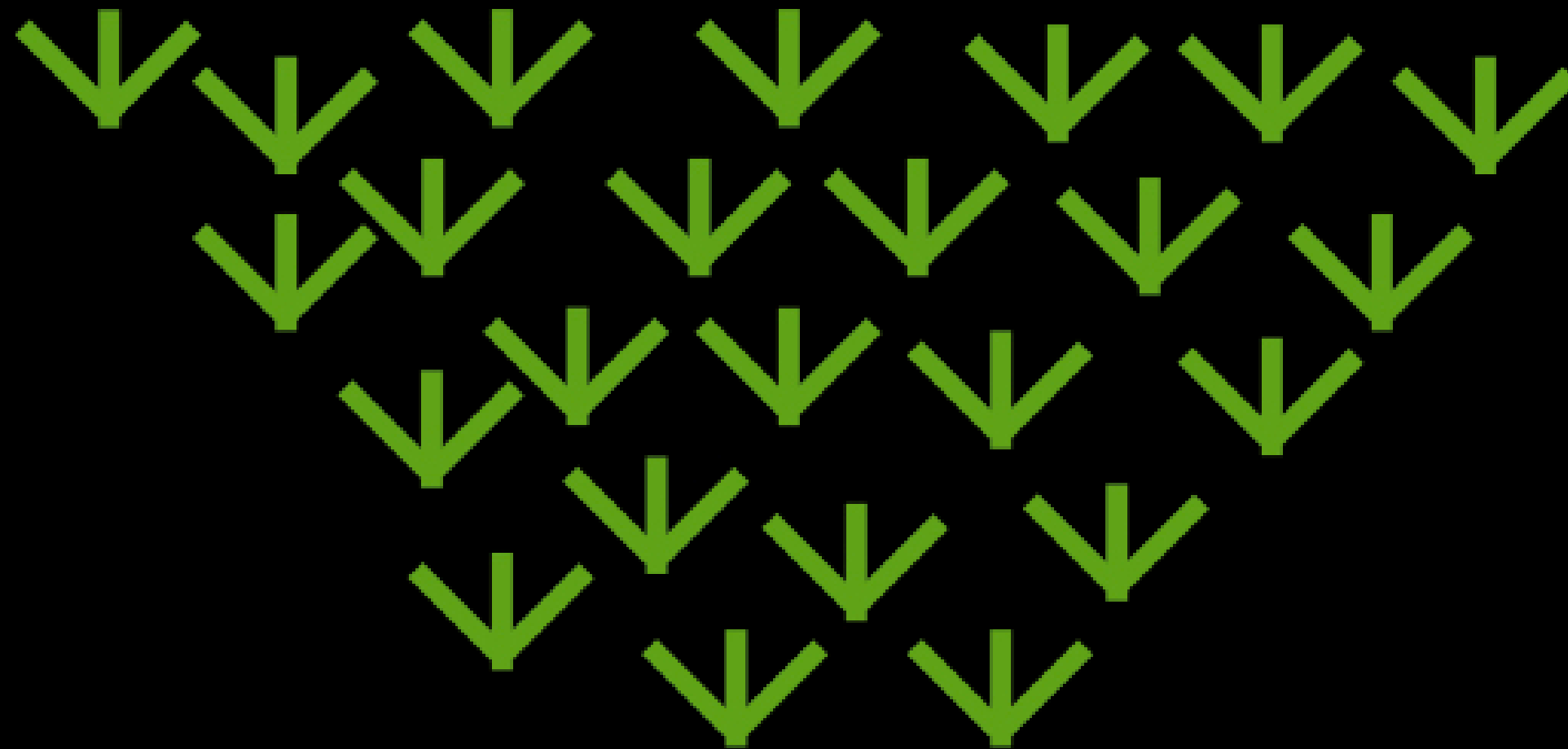


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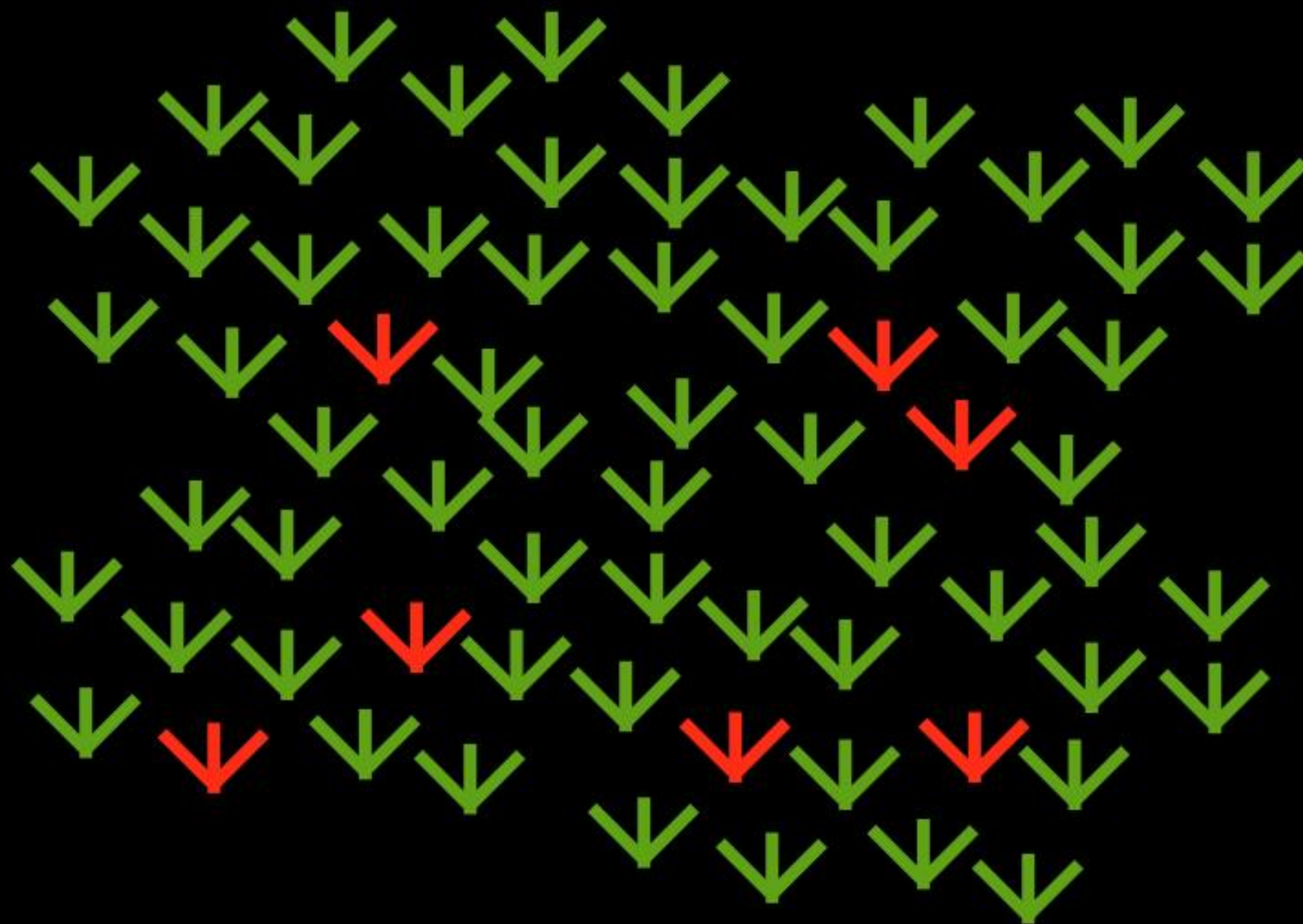
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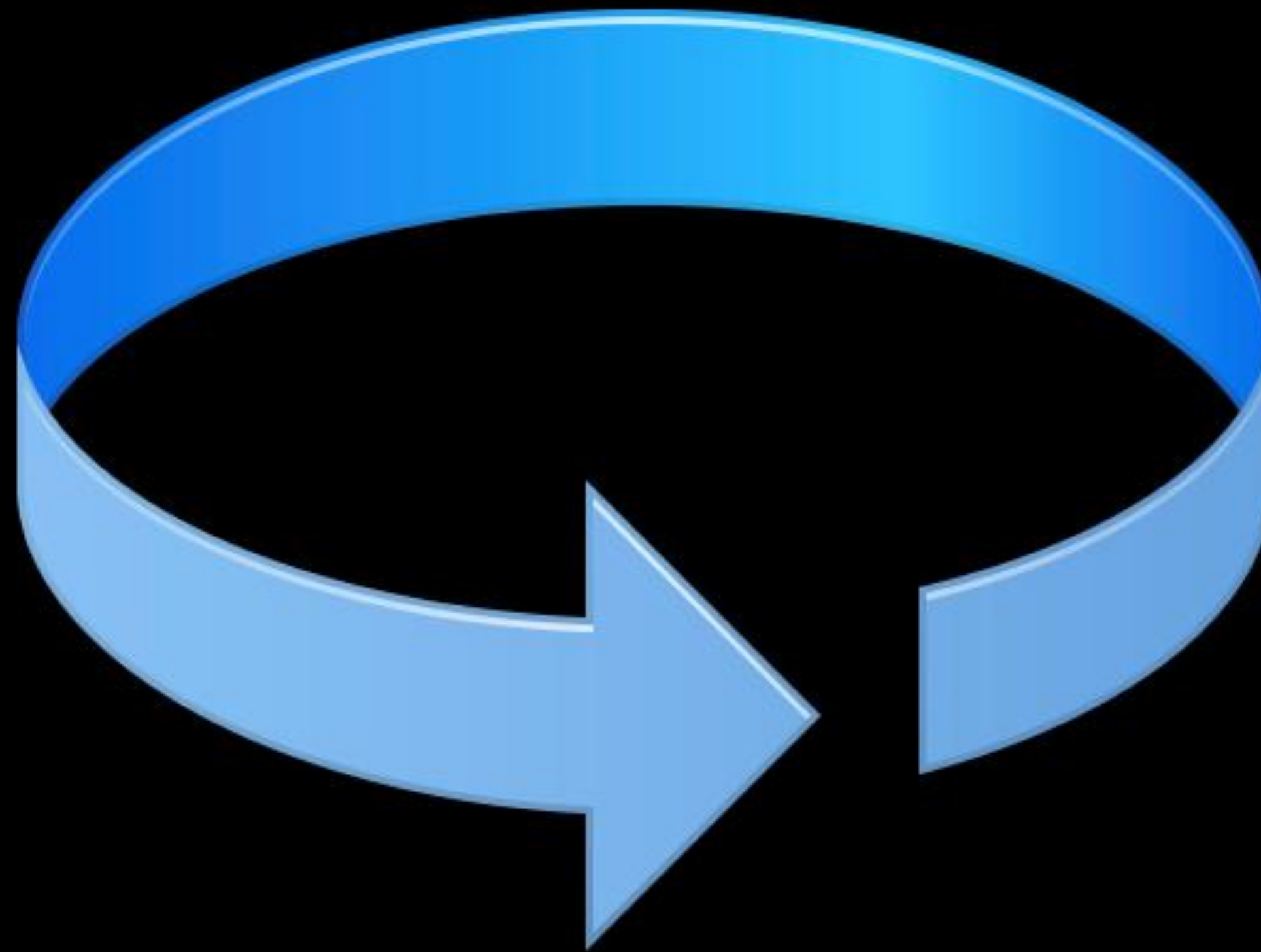


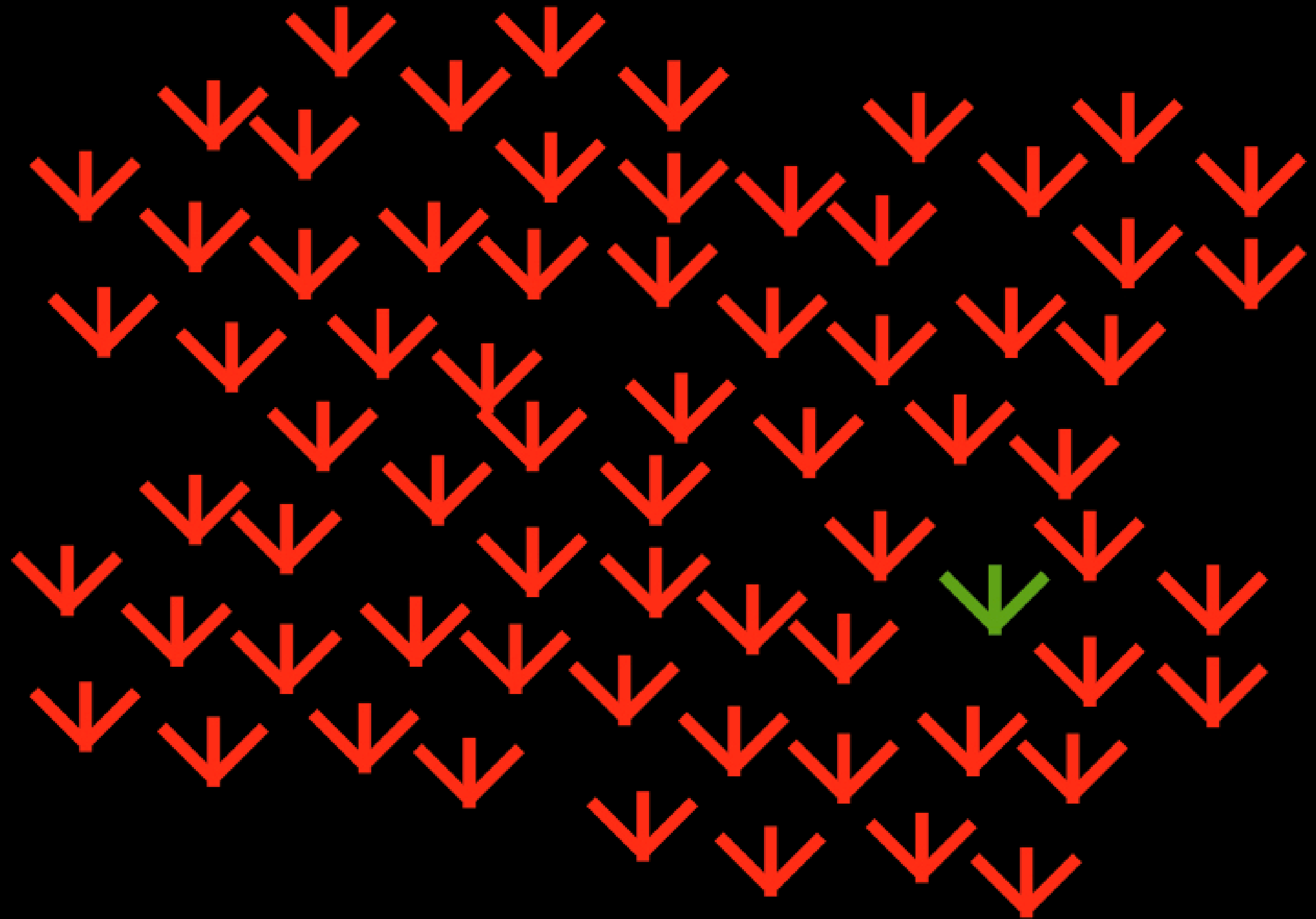


A Population of Weeds

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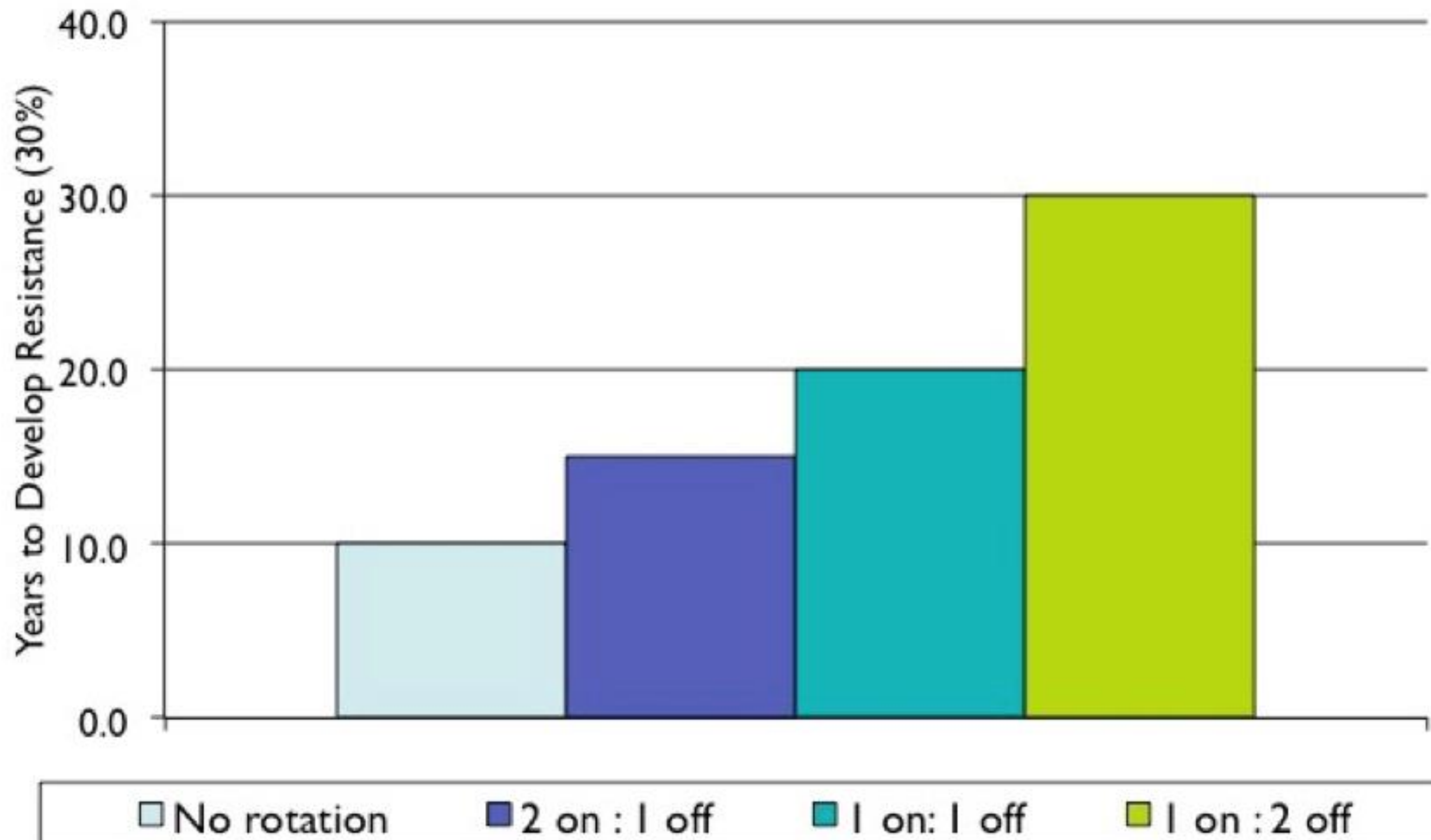
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Same Population of Weeds....Becomes **Resistant**

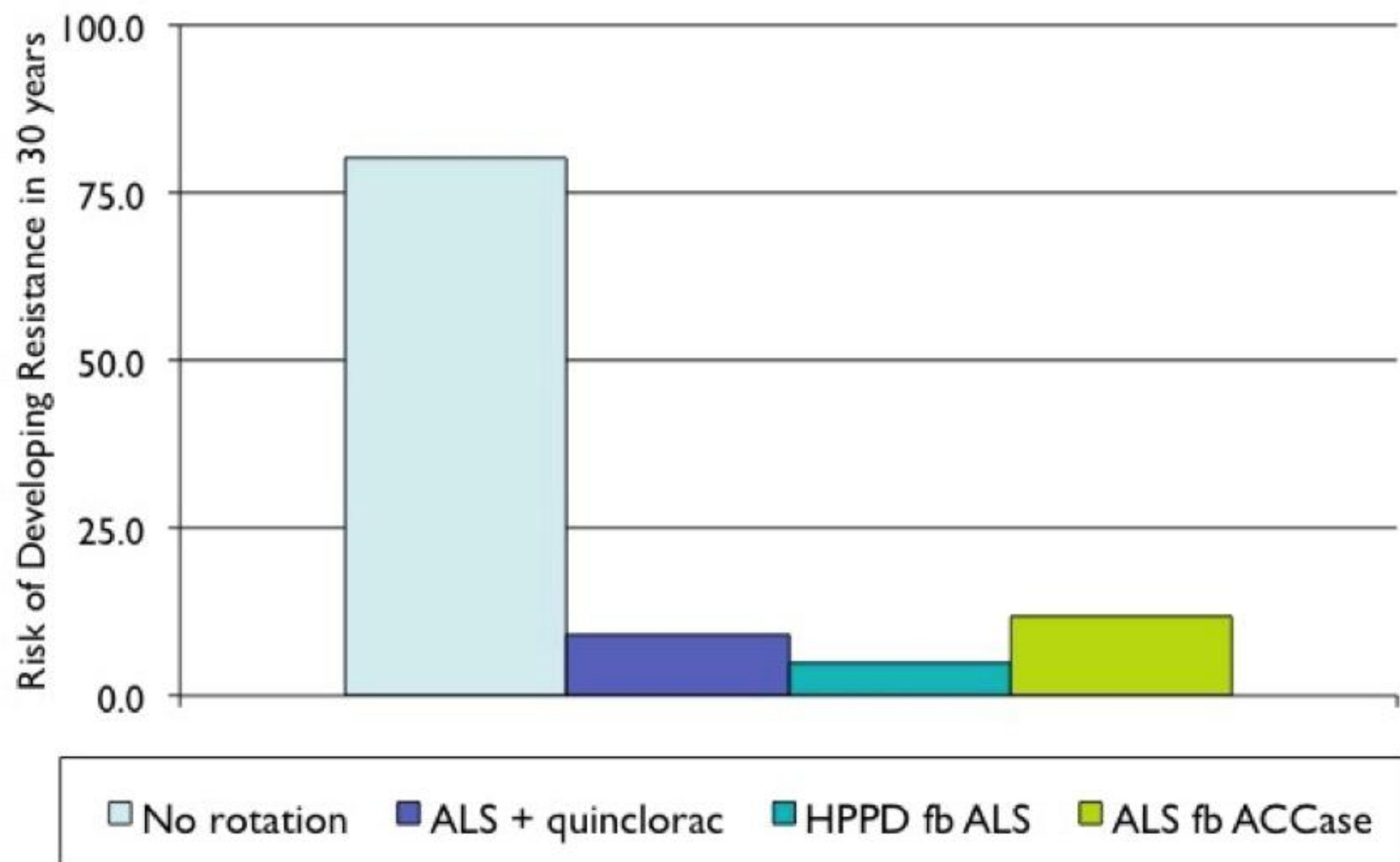
# Modeled Effects of Rotation on Triazine Resistance



\*Assumes rate for 95% control, 2 yr seed life, fitness = 1

Gressel and Segel. 1990. Weed Technol. 4:186-198

# Modeled Effects of Rotation/Mixtures on ALS Resistance



Resistance (20%) observed within 4 years with ALS only program

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HERBICIDE

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## Understanding How Turfgrass Herbicides Work

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Herbicides are chemicals that inhibit normal plant growth processes resulting in death of susceptible weeds. The processes by which herbicides kill weeds are called modes of action while the location where these effects occur at the cellular level is termed the site of action or the mechanism of action. The Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) uses a numerical system to group herbicides by mechanism of action. A more detailed description of this numerical system is presented in Table 1.

Continual reliance on herbicides that employ the same mechanism of action has led to the evolution of herbicide-resistant weeds in turfgrass, as well as in

other agricultural systems. Developing weed management programs utilizing herbicides that employ different mechanisms of action is critical to both preventing and managing herbicide resistant weeds. It is recommended to rotate herbicides that employ different mechanisms of action as often as possible, as well as implementing cultural practices that maximize turf competition and limit weed encroachment. Table 2 lists single active ingredient herbicides used in turfgrass by mechanisms of action group number. These WSSA group numbers can also be found on most herbicide labels as well (Figure 1).



Figure 1. The Weed Society of America (WSSA) uses a numerical system to group herbicides by mechanism of action. The WSSA group number can be found on most herbicide labels.

Mode of Action	Mechanism of Action	WSSA Action Group	Chemical Family	Active Ingredient	Ex. Trade Names
Synthetic Auxin	Not Well Understood	4	Phenoxy	2,4-D	Various
				MCPP	
				MCPA	
				2,4-DB	
			Benzoic Acid	dicamba	Banvel
			Pyridine Carboxylic Acid	clopyralid	Lontrel
				fluroxypyr	*NA
				triclopyr	Garlon
		4 & 26**	Quinoline Carboxylic Acid	quinclorac	Drive XLR8
Photosynthesis Inhibitor	Photosystem II Inhibitor	5	Triazine	atrazine	AAtrex
				simazine	Princep
			Triazinone	metribuzin	Sencor
			Triazolinone	amicarbizone	Xonerate
Photosynthesis Inhibitor	Photosystem II Inhibitor	6	Nitrile	bromoxynil	Buctril
			Benzothiadiazinone	bentazon	Basagran
Photosynthesis Inhibitor	Photosystem II Inhibitor	7	Urea	siduron	Tupersan
Lipid Biosynthesis Inhibitor	Not Well Understood	8	Phosphorodithioate	bensulide	Bensumec
Amino Acid Synthesis Inhibitor	EPSP Synthase Inhibitor	9	Glycine	glyphosate	Roundup Pro
Nitrogen Metabolism	Glutamine Synthetase Inhibitor	10	Phosphinic Acid	glufosinate-ammonium	Finale
Cell Membrane Disrupter	Protoporphyrinogen Oxidase (PPO) Inhibitor	14	Aryl Triazinone	carfentrazone	Quicksilver
				sulfentrazone	Dismiss
			N-phenylphthalimide	flumioxazin	Sureguard
			Oxadiazole	oxadiazon	Ronstar
			Pyrazole	pyraflufen-ethyl	Octane
Shoot Growth Inhibitor	Long Chain Fatty Acid Inhibitor	15	Chloroacetamide	dimethenamid	Tower
				metolachlor	Pennant



You Need to Play Zone Defense

# WEEDS THAT WON'T DIE



Glyphosate at 88 fl oz/A



FIRST CASE OF 2,4-D RESISTANCE

## *Buckhorn plantain*

### Before Resistance

HERBICIDE	COST
TRIMEC (64 FL OZ/A) - SPRING	\$528
TRIMEC (64 FL OZ/A) - FALL	\$528
***APPLIED ACROSS 40*** ACRES	

\$1,520 = \$26/acre

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LONTREL (1.33 PT/A)	\$4,480
GALLERY (23 FL OZ/A)	\$4,700
***APPLIED ACROSS 40*** ACRES	

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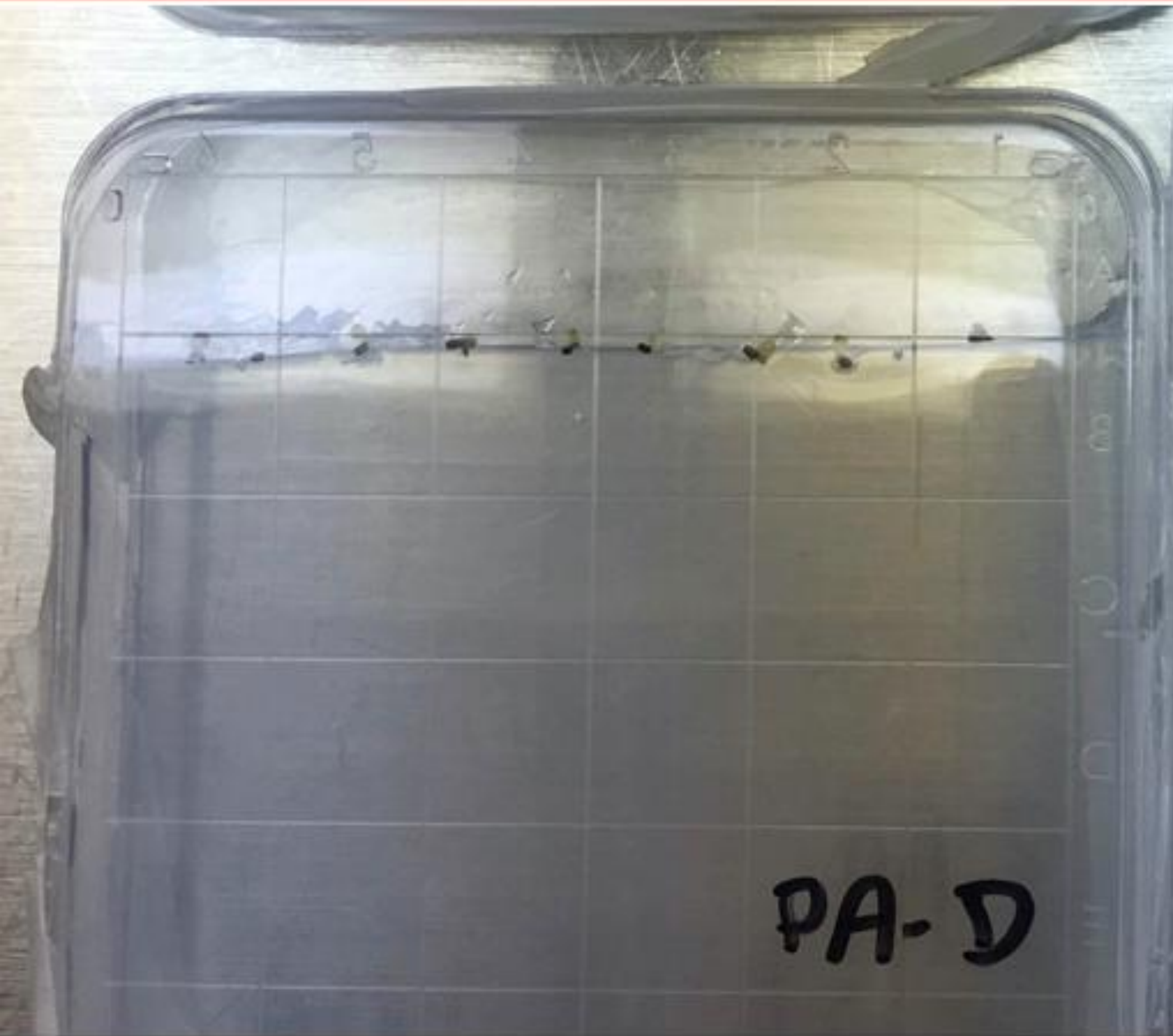
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### After Resistance

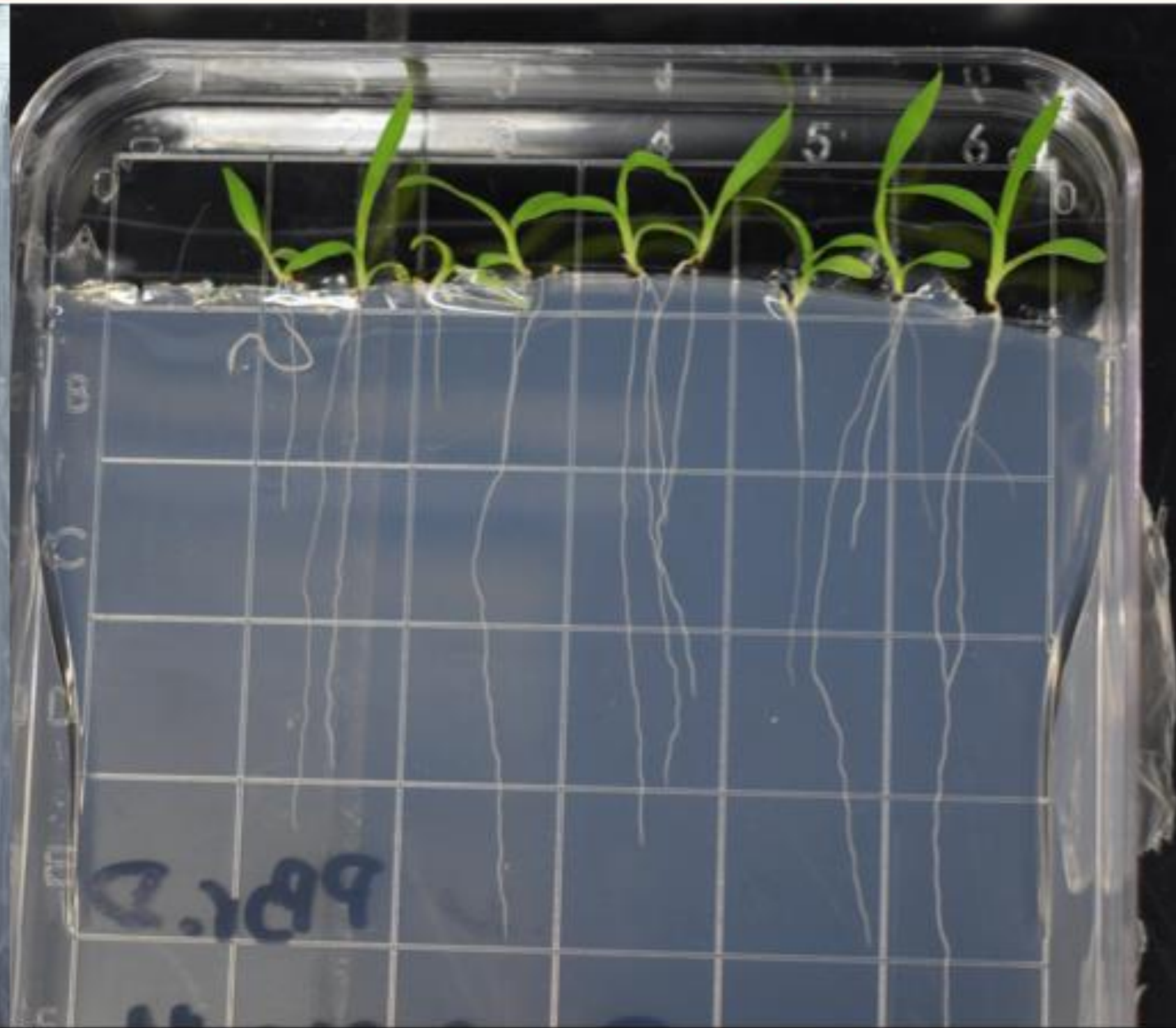
HERBICIDE	COST
LONTREL (1.33 PT/A)	\$4,480
GALLERY (23 FL OZ/A)	\$4,700
***APPLIED ACROSS 40*** ACRES	

\$9,180 = \$229/acre

# Resistance to Dithiopyr in NJ



**Susceptible population**



**Resistant Population**

FIRST REPORT

# YELLOW NUTSEDGE (*CYPERUS ESCULENTUS*) RESISTANCE TO HALOSULFURON



## Research Article



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## First report of resistance to acetolactate-synthase-inhibiting herbicides in yellow nutsedge (*Cyperus esculentus*): confirmation and characterization

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### Abstract

**BACKGROUND:** Yellow nutsedge is one of the most problematic sedges in Arkansas rice, requiring the frequent use of halosulfuron (sulfonylurea) for its control. In the summer of 2012, halosulfuron at 53 g ha<sup>-1</sup> (labeled field rate) failed to control yellow nutsedge. The level of resistance to halosulfuron was determined in the putative resistant biotype, and its cross-resistance to other acetolactate synthase (ALS) inhibitors from four different herbicide families. ALS enzyme assays and analysis of the ALS gene were used to ascertain the resistance mechanism.

**RESULTS:** None of the resistant plants was killed by halosulfuron at a dose of 13 568 g ha<sup>-1</sup> (256× the field dose), indicating a high level of resistance. Based on the whole-plant bioassay, the resistant biotype was not controlled by any of the ALS-inhibiting herbicides (imazamox, imazethapyr, penoxsulam, bispyribac, pyriithiobac-sodium, bensulfuron and halosulfuron) tested at the labeled field rate. The ALS enzyme from the resistant biotype was 2540 times less responsive to halosulfuron than the susceptible biotype, and a Trp<sub>574</sub>-to-Leu substitution was detected by ALS gene sequencing using the Illumina HiSeq.

**CONCLUSION:** The results suggest a target-site alteration as the mechanism of resistance in yellow nutsedge, which accounts for the cross-resistance to other ALS-inhibiting herbicide families.

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# SEDGE AND KYLLINGA HERBICIDES

TRADE NAME	GROUP #	TOLERANT TURF	KYLLINGA EFFICACY
DISMISS NXT	14	CBG, FF, KBG, PR, TF	G
SEDGEHAMMER	2	CBG, FF, KBG, PR, TF	P
CELERO	2	CBG, FF, KBG, PR, TF	E



ALS Resistant Kyllinga





“A GOAL  
WITHOUT A PLAN  
IS JUST A  
WISH.”

—ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPERY

APP	PRODUCT
1	APPEAR + SECURE
2	APPEAR + DACONIL ACTION
3	DACONIL ACTION + BRISKWAY
4	APPEAR + SECURE
5	APPEAR + DACONIL ACTION
6	AVID + HERITAGE
7	ACELPRYN
8	DACONIL ACTION + MEDALLION
9	PROVAUNT
10	AVID + HERITAGE
11	DACONIL ACTION + MEDALLION
12	PROVAUNT
13	AVID + HERITAGE
14	DACONIL ACTION + VELISTA
15	BRISKWAY
16	DACONIL ACTION + VELISTA
17	BRISKWAY
18	DACONIL ACTION
19	AVID + HERITAGE
20	SECURE + HEADWAY
21	APPEAR + DACONIL
22	SECURE + HEADWAY
23	APPEAR + DACONIL ACTION

## Disease Management Plan

APP #	PRODUCT
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MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF  
SEED IN SOIL



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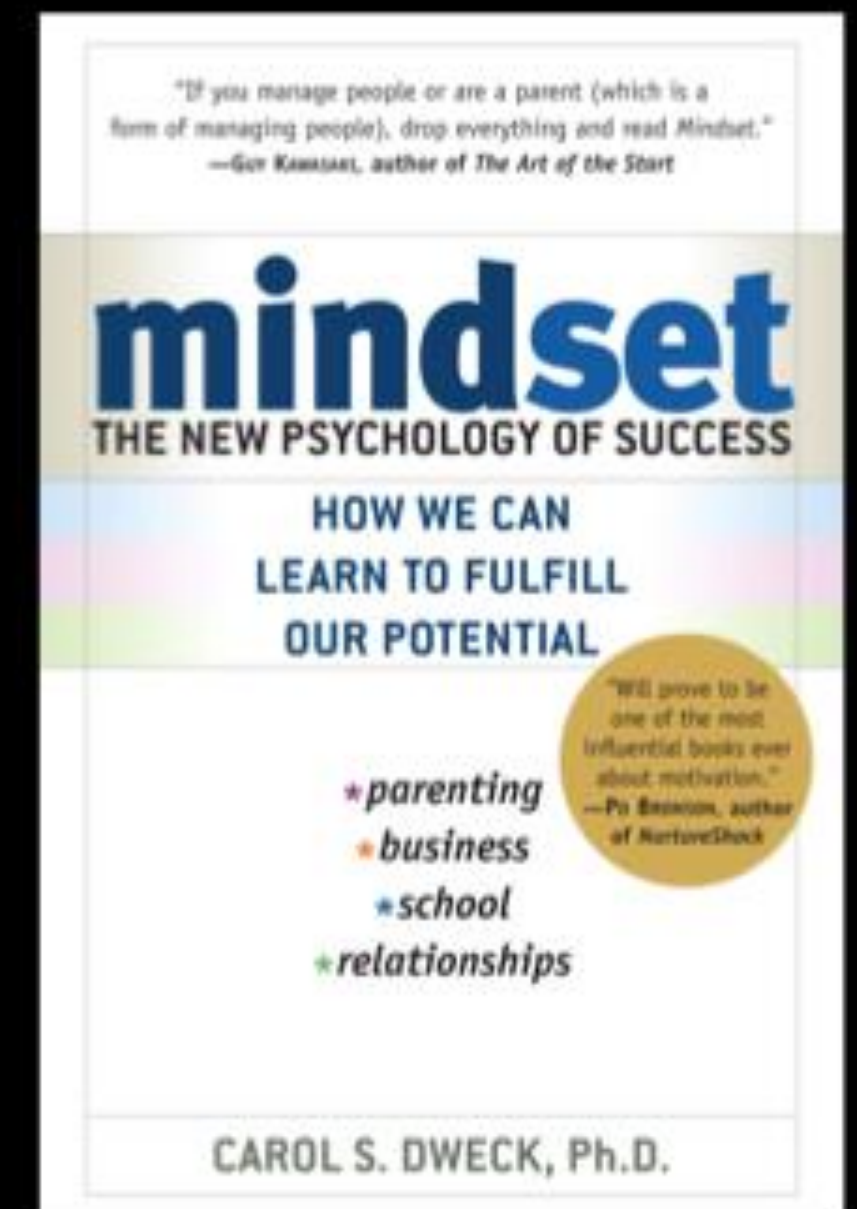
185,000 viable *Poa* seeds in top inch (Watschke et al. 1979)

Emergence is a Moving Target



THIS YEAR CONSIDER

# PROGRAMMATIC THINKING



# ADVANTAGES TO PROGRAMS

- Expose weeds to multiple modes of action to prevent selection pressure for resistance
  - Mixtures or rotations
- Can (and probably should be) property specific
- **Change your approach based on what you LEARNED the previous season** —> You're always getting better

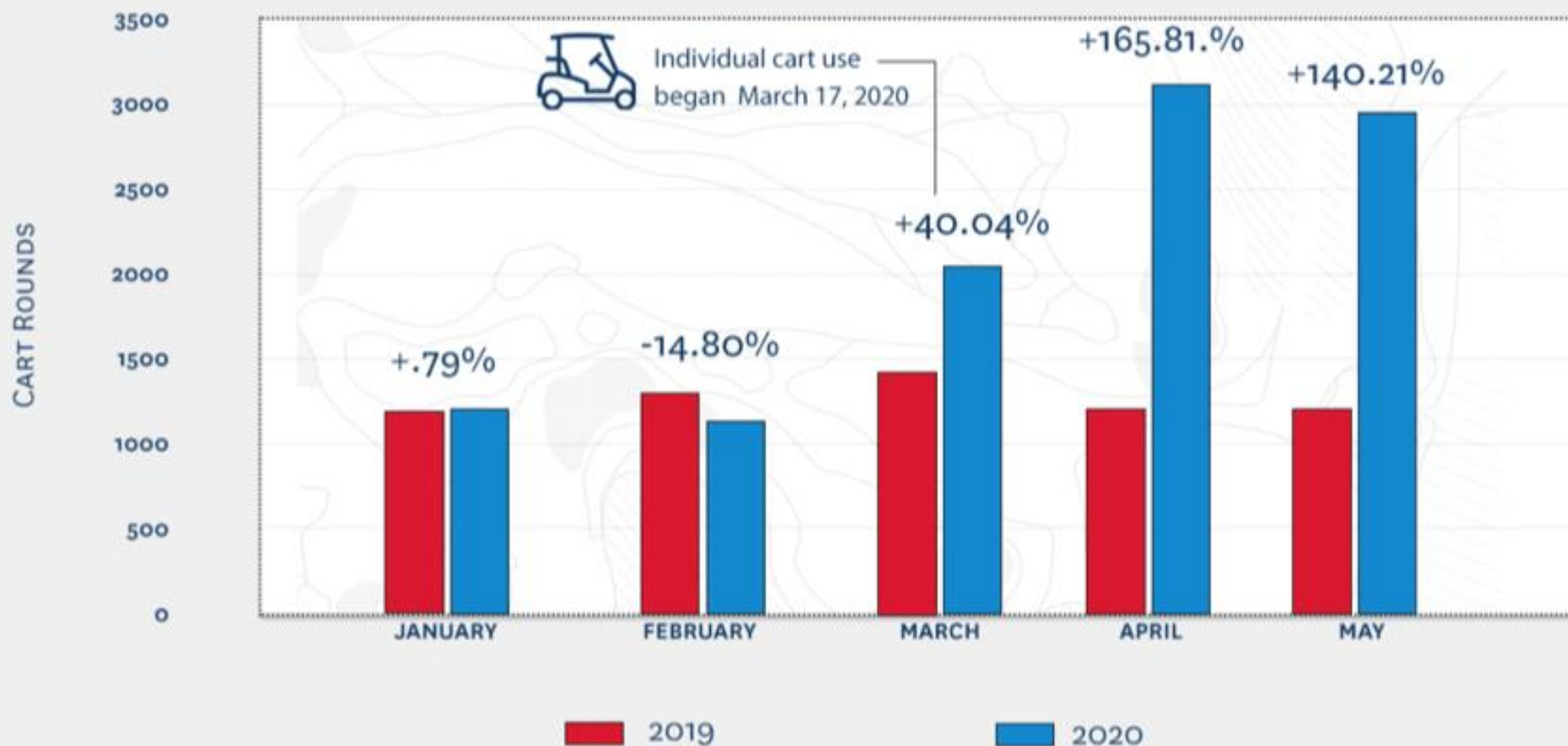
# PROGRAMMING KEY

- Take notes during the season, both success and failures
- Make changes based on what you observed
- Don't just chalk it up to bad weather, bad luck, etc.



## 2019 AND 2020 MONTHLY CART USE

Year-Over-Year Percent Difference



Source: @USGAGrnSection



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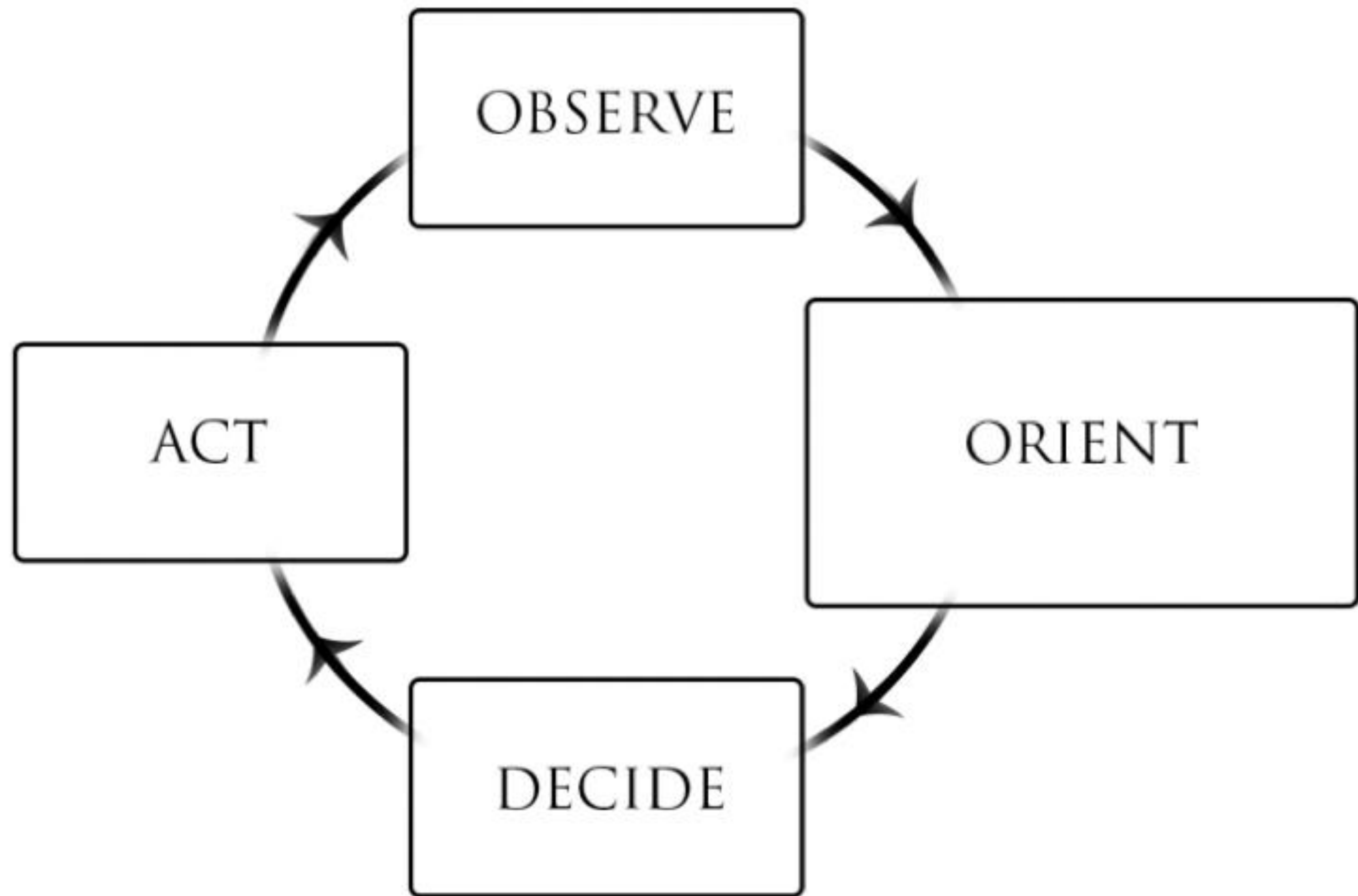
Using the Turf Analyzer program on drone photos to highlight cart traffic. These were taken before noon! Increased cart traffic + dry conditions making this a common sight in NY this year



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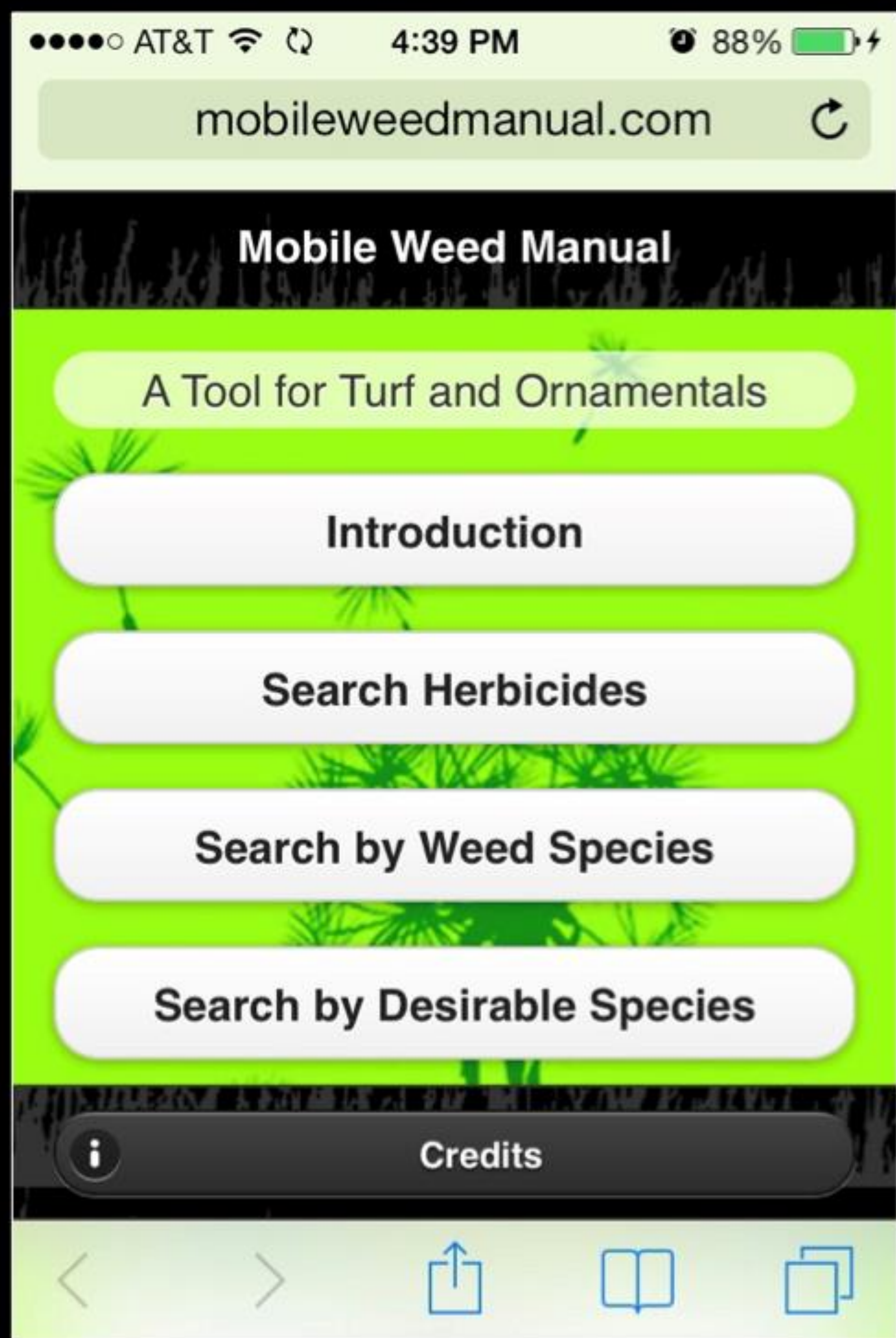
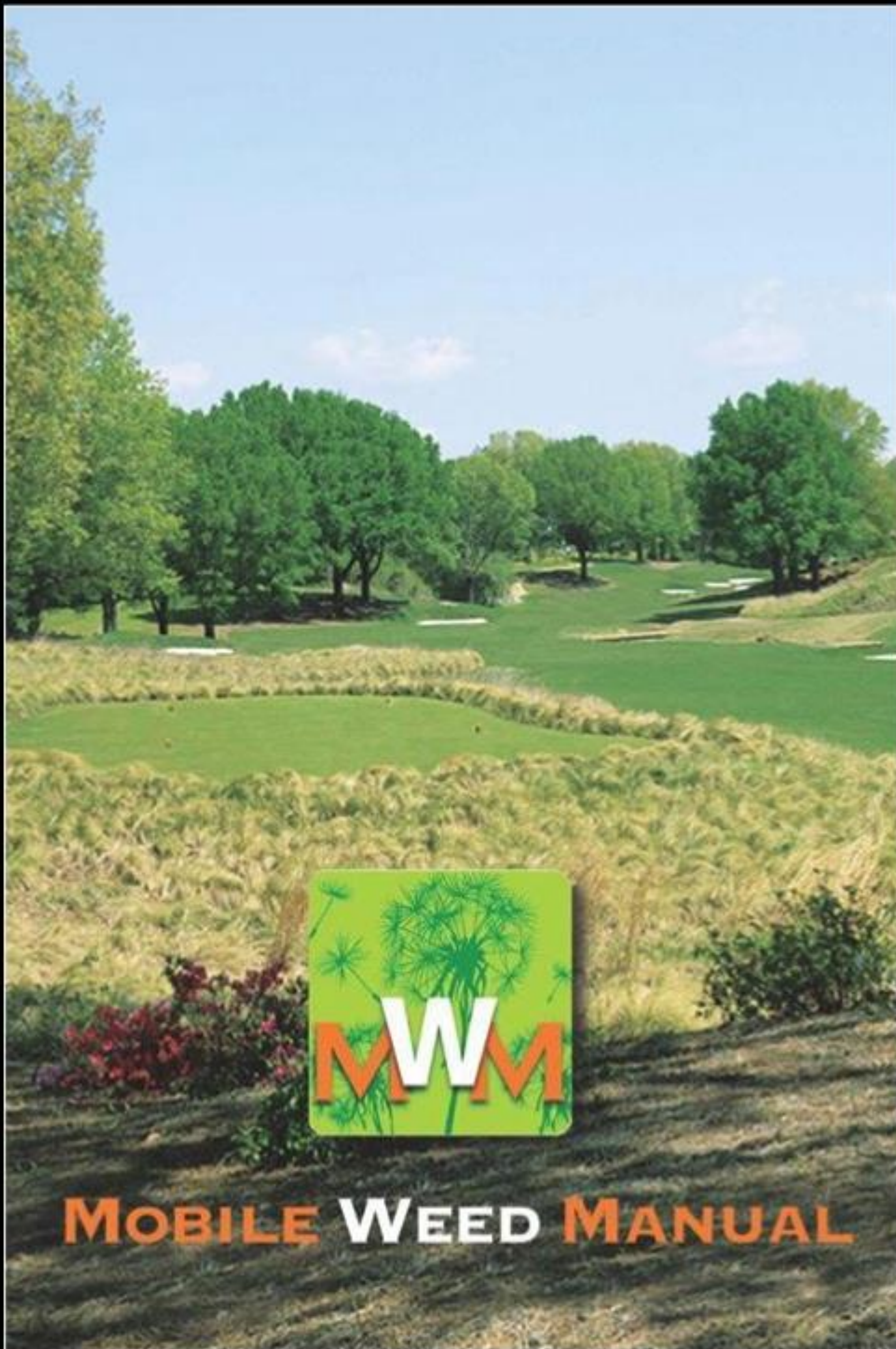
Struggling with annual bluegrass control? Learn more about the UT Herbicide Resistance Field Day on April 7th, 2015 at Windyke CC

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We work to provide green industry professionals science based information for controlling problematic weeds including dallisgrass, bermudagrass, and annual bluegrass. Herbicide resistance resources, field day information, weed identification tools, and mobile applications are all available here.

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