

# HERBICIDE-RESISTANT PIGWEEDS (*AMARANTHUS SPP.*) ARE IN WISCONSIN, HOW SERIOUS IS IT?

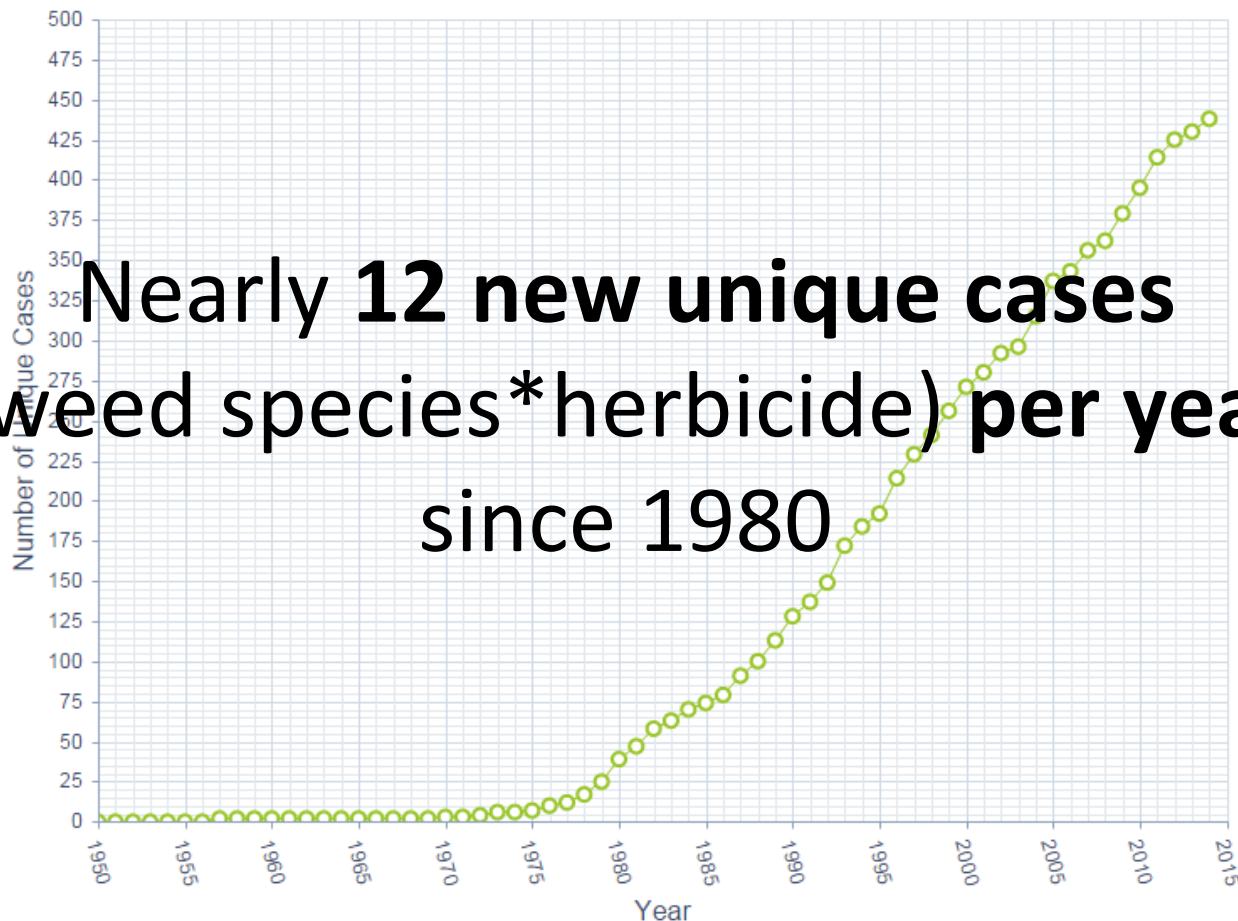
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# Herbicide Resistance

Chronological Increase in Resistant Weeds Globally



**Nearly 12 new unique cases  
(weed species\*herbicide) per year  
since 1980**

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# Pigweed Herbicide Resistance

## United States:

- Common waterhemp:
  - Six sites-of-action
  - 17 states
- Palmer amaranth:
  - Five sites-of-action
  - 25\* states

## Wisconsin:

- ALS-resistant common waterhemp biotype (1999)

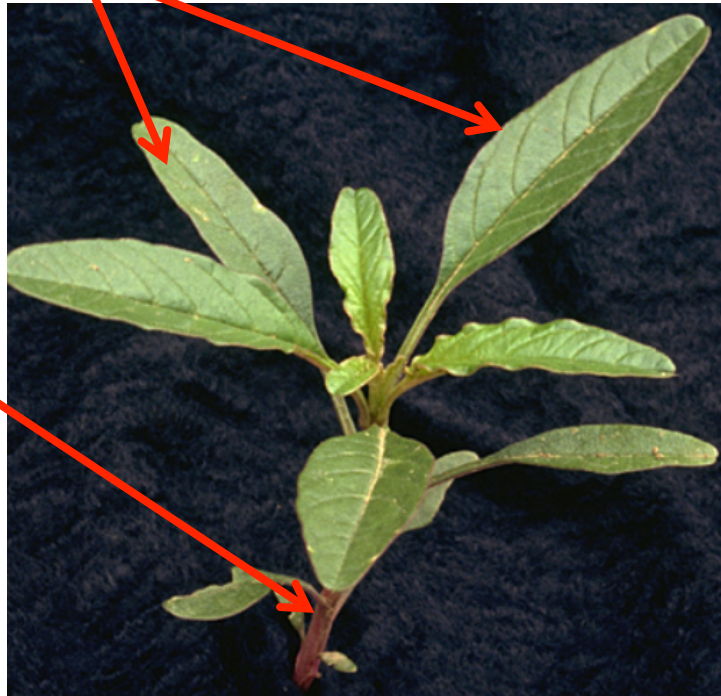


# Common Waterhemp

Elongated,  
narrow leaves

Seed head measured  
in “inches”

Hairless  
stems



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# Palmer Amaranth

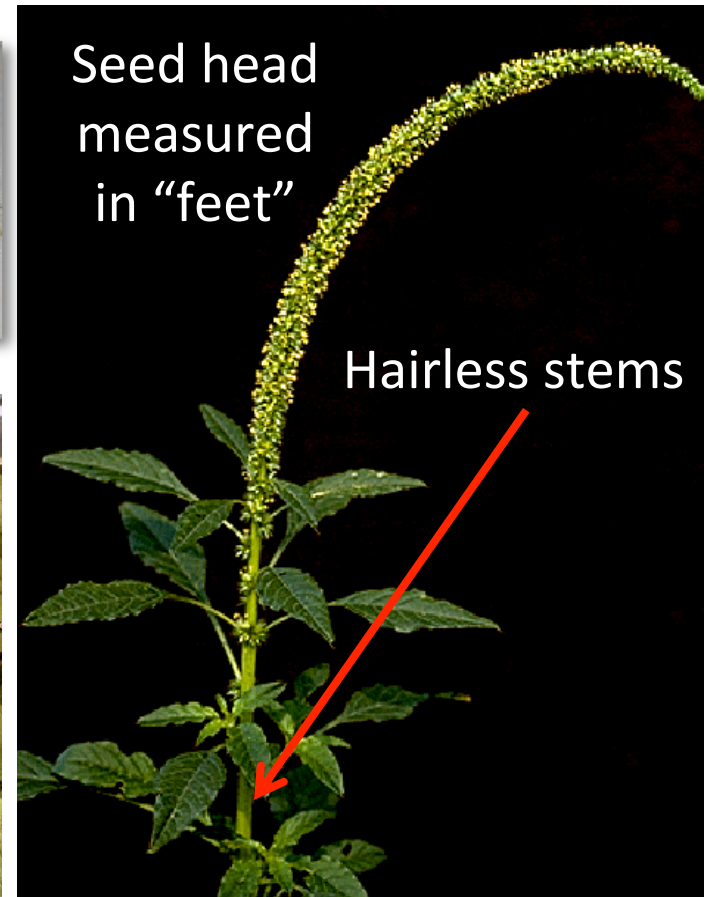


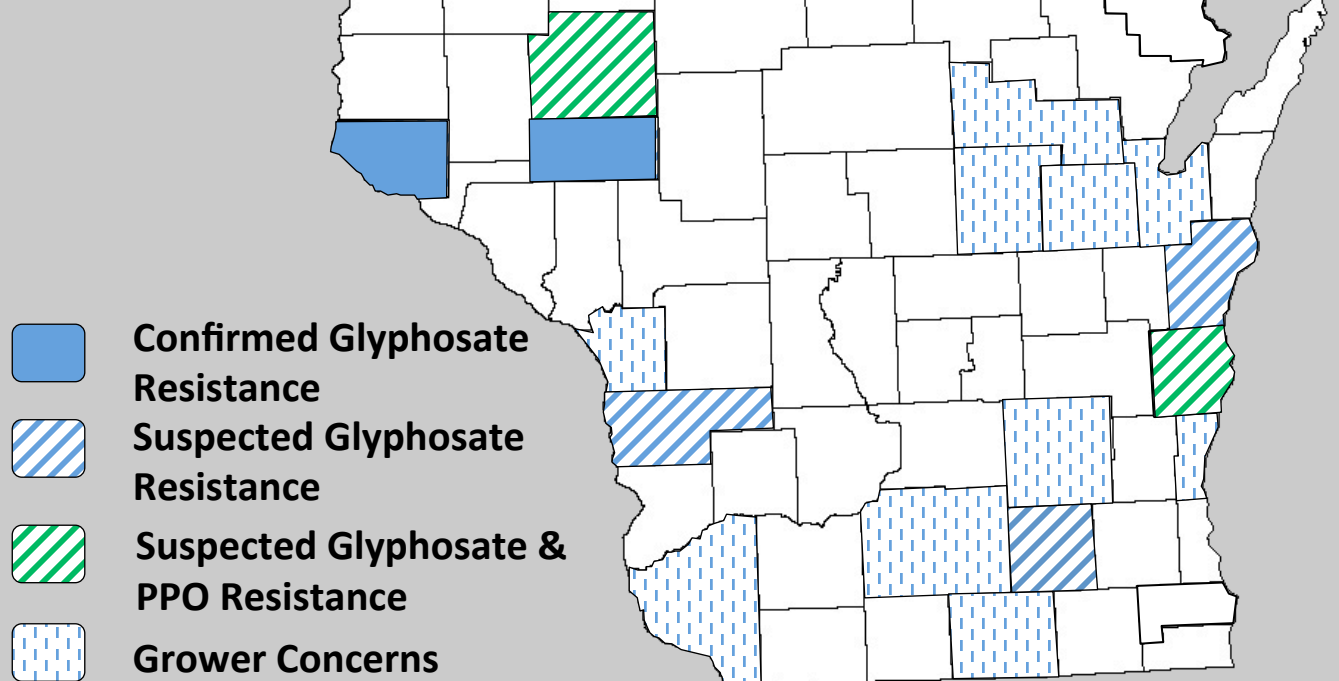
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# Late-Season Weed Escape Survey

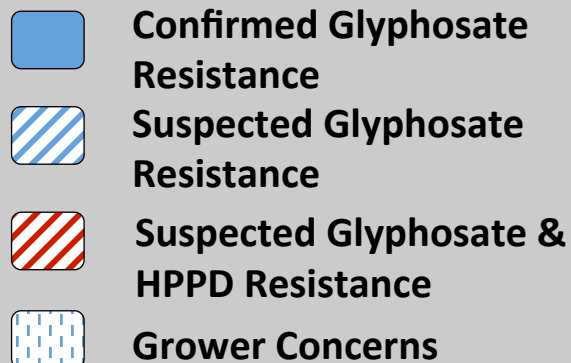




# Herbicide-Resistant Common Waterhemp Cases in Wisconsin



# Herbicide-Resistant Palmer Amaranth Cases in Wisconsin





# Procedure



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- Plant Dry Biomass collected 28 days after application
- Data analyzed using dose response model package in R statistical software
- Comparisons based on estimated effective doses to reduce plant biomass 90% ( $ED_{90}$ ) and 50% ( $ED_{50}$ ) for common waterhemp and Palmer amaranth, respectively

# Herbicide Rates

Weed	Herbicide	Rate						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		kg ai (ae) ha <sup>-1</sup>						
AMATA <sup>a</sup>	glyphosate	0	0.22	0.43	0.87	1.74	3.48	6.96
AMAPA <sup>b</sup>	glyphosate	0	0.0087	0.087	0.87	8.7	—	—
AMAPA	tembotrione	0	0.023	0.046	0.092	0.184	0.368	0.736

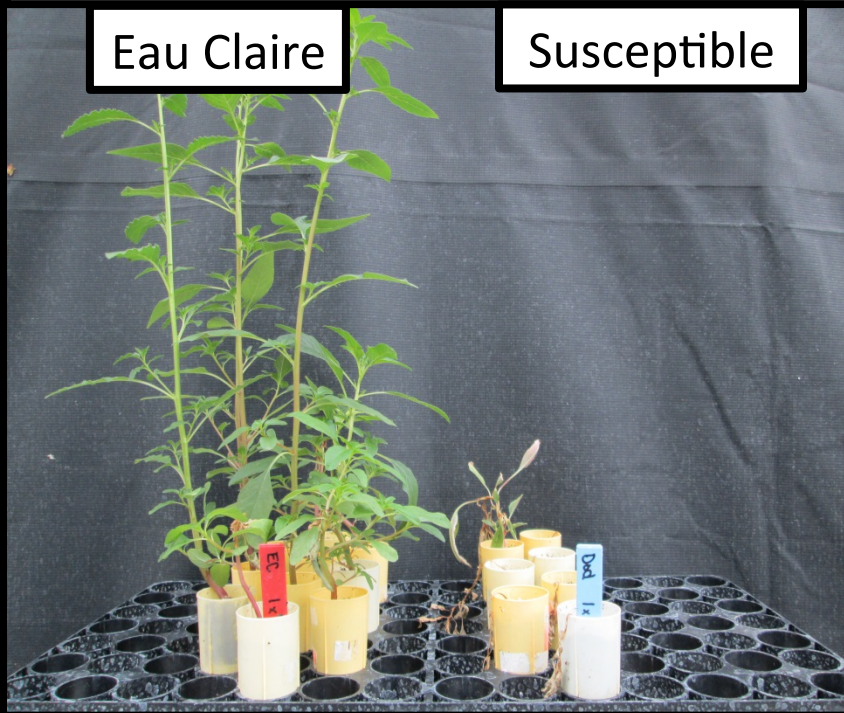
<sup>a</sup>Abbreviation: AMATA, *Amaranthus rudis*, common waterhemp

<sup>b</sup>Abbreviation: AMAPA, *Amaranthus palmeri*, Palmer amaranth

# Eau Claire County Population

Eau Claire

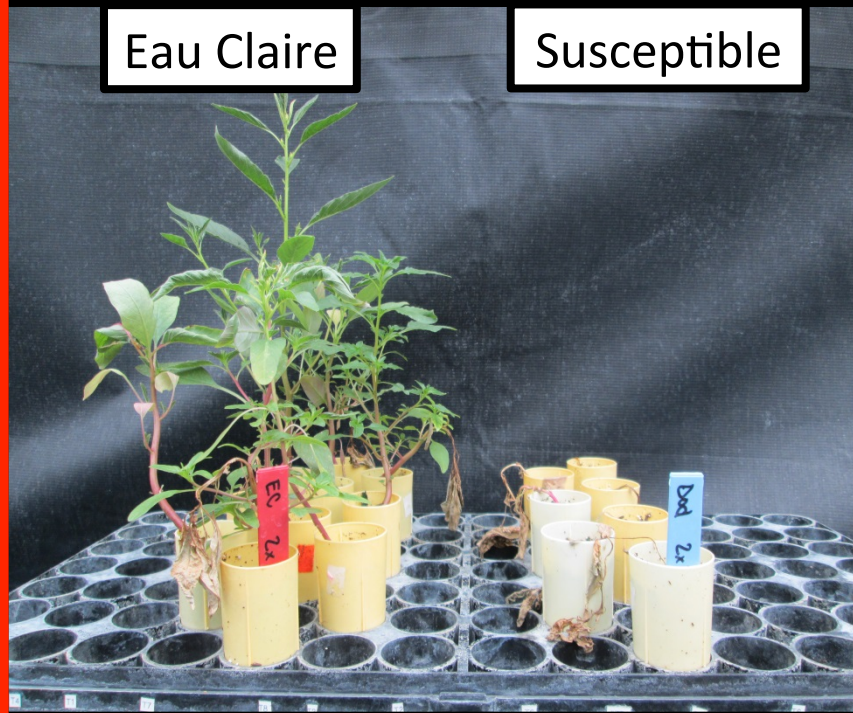
Susceptible



1x rate (22 fl. oz.  $\text{ac}^{-1}$ )

Eau Claire

Susceptible

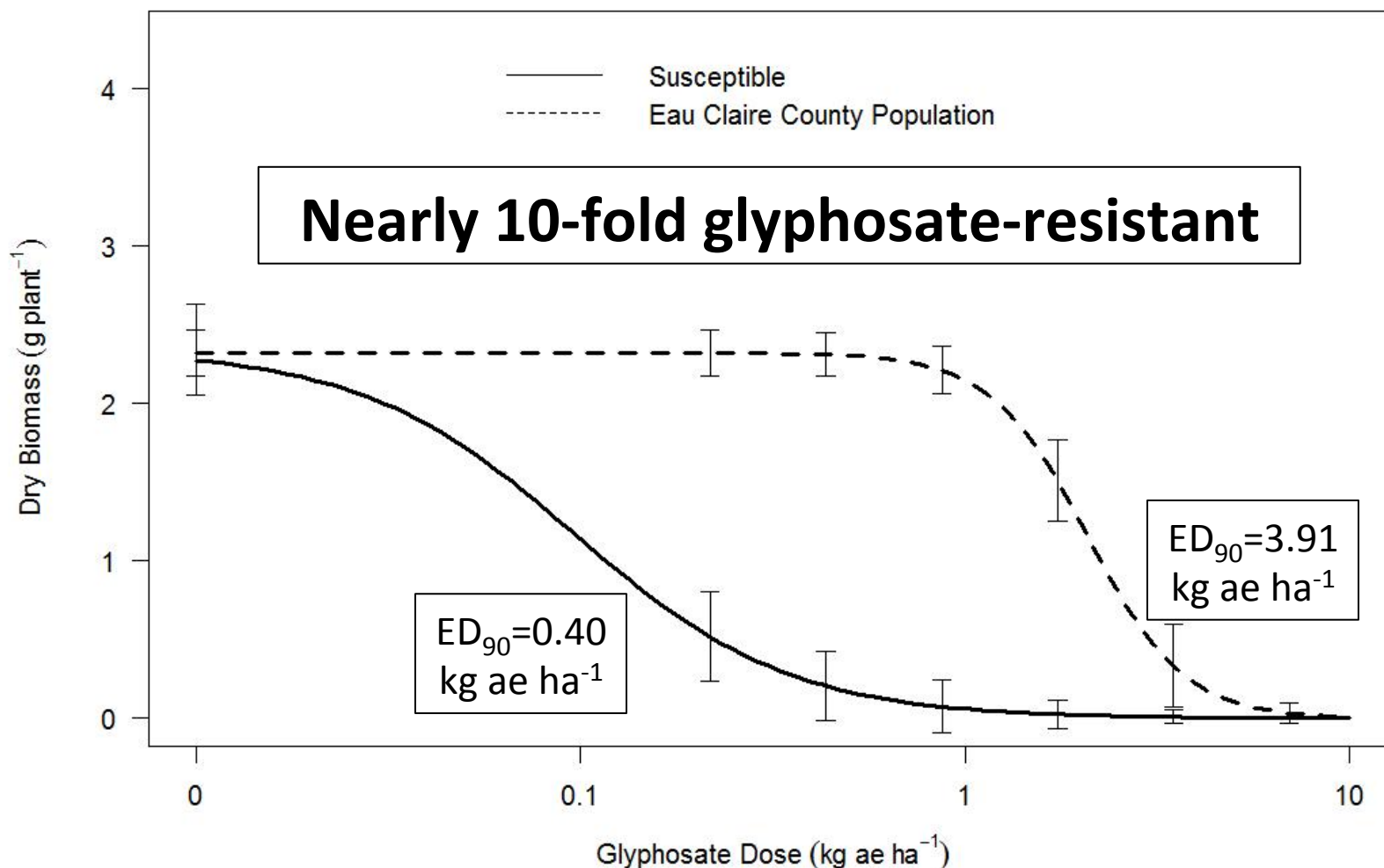


2x rate (44 fl. oz.  $\text{ac}^{-1}$ )

Pictures taken at 14 days after application.



# Eau Claire County Population



# Pierce County Population

Pierce

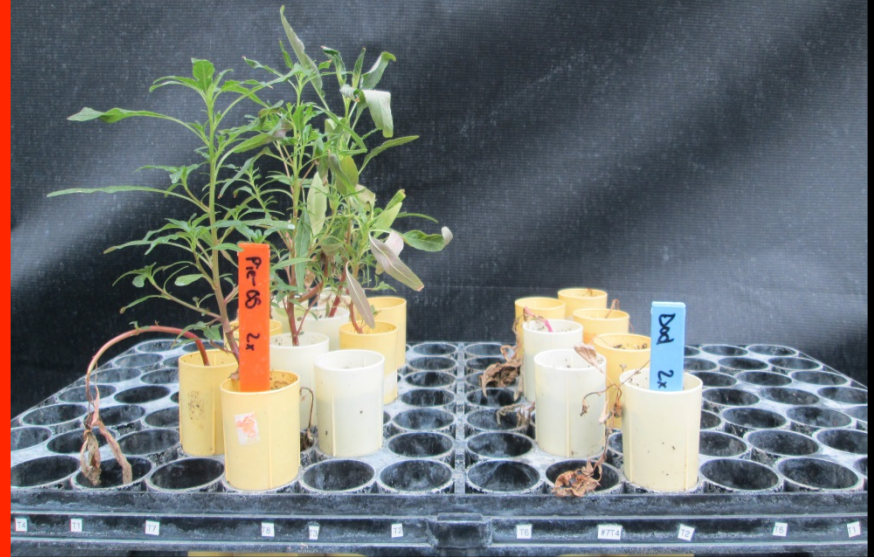
Susceptible

Pierce

Susceptible



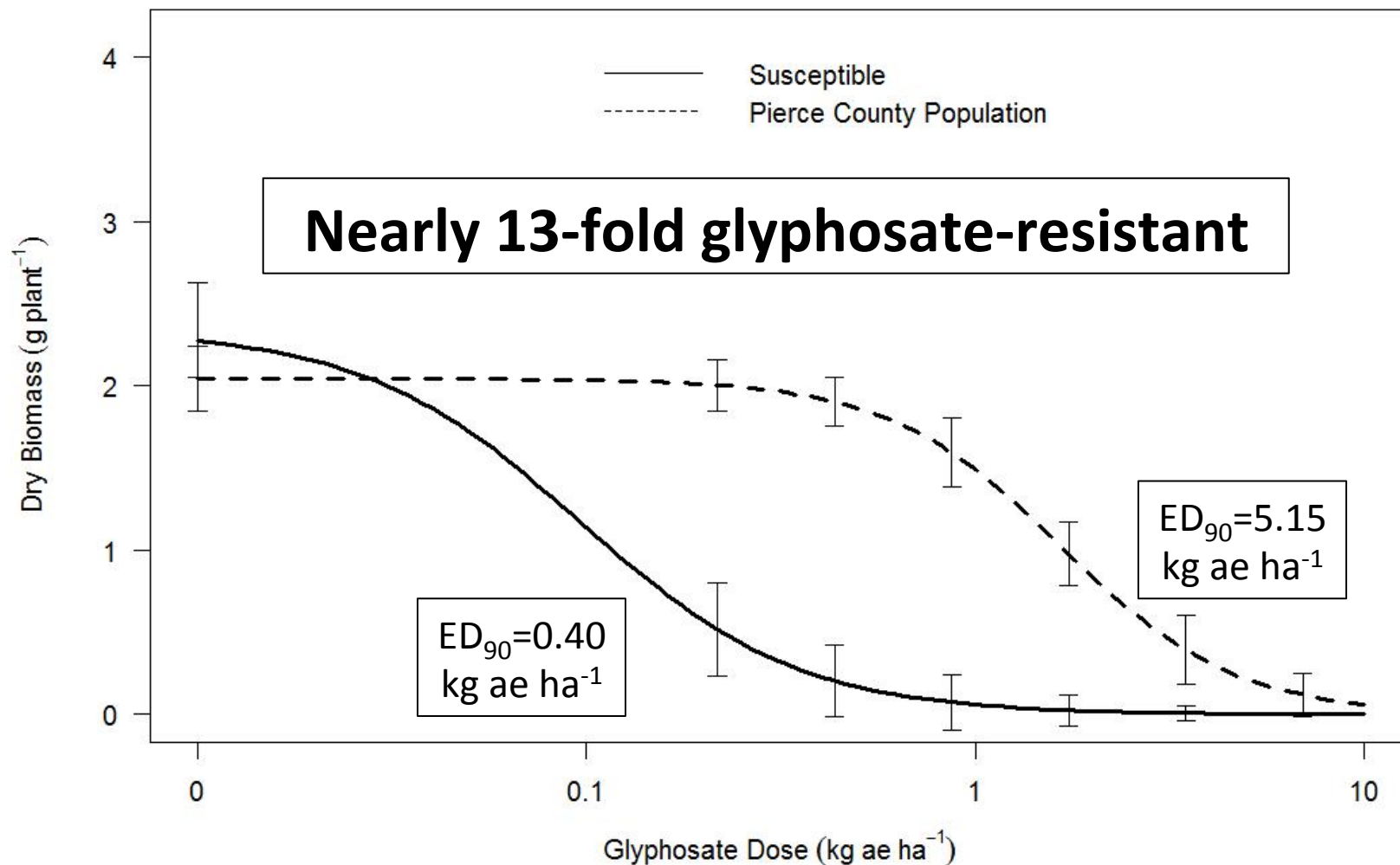
1x rate (22 fl. oz.  $\text{ac}^{-1}$ )



2x rate (44 fl. oz.  $\text{ac}^{-1}$ )

Pictures taken at 14 days after application.

# Pierce County Population



# Dane County Population



3 – 20x amplification of the

Dane County Population EPSPS

target site gene

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## Gene amplification confers glyphosate resistance in *Amaranthus palmeri*

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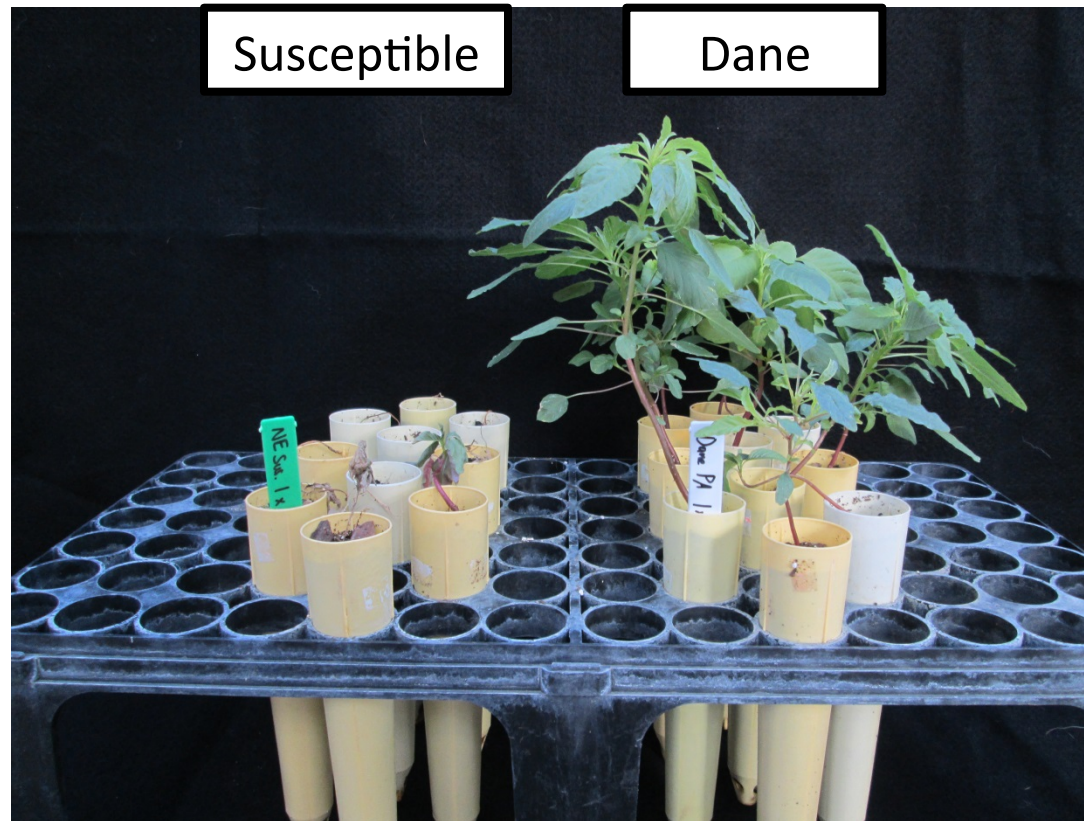
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See commentary "[Gene amplification delivers glyphosate-resistant weed evolution](#)" on page 955.

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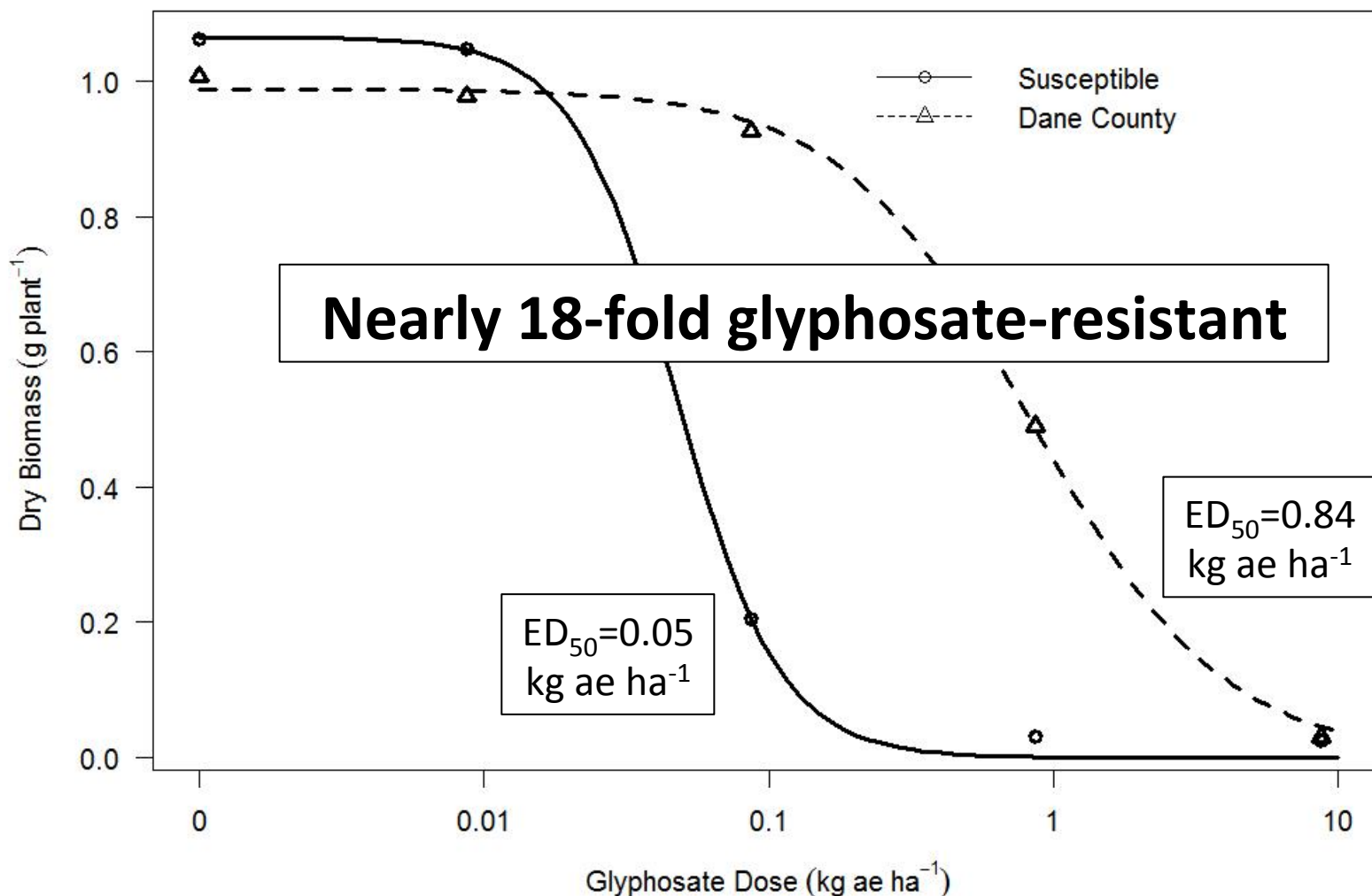
# Dane County Population



1x rate (22 fl. oz. ac<sup>-1</sup>)

Picture taken at 21 days after application.

# Dane County Population



# Dane County Population

**Table 1.** Comparison of plant dry biomass 28 days after application between the Dane County and susceptible Palmer amaranth populations at each glyphosate rate.

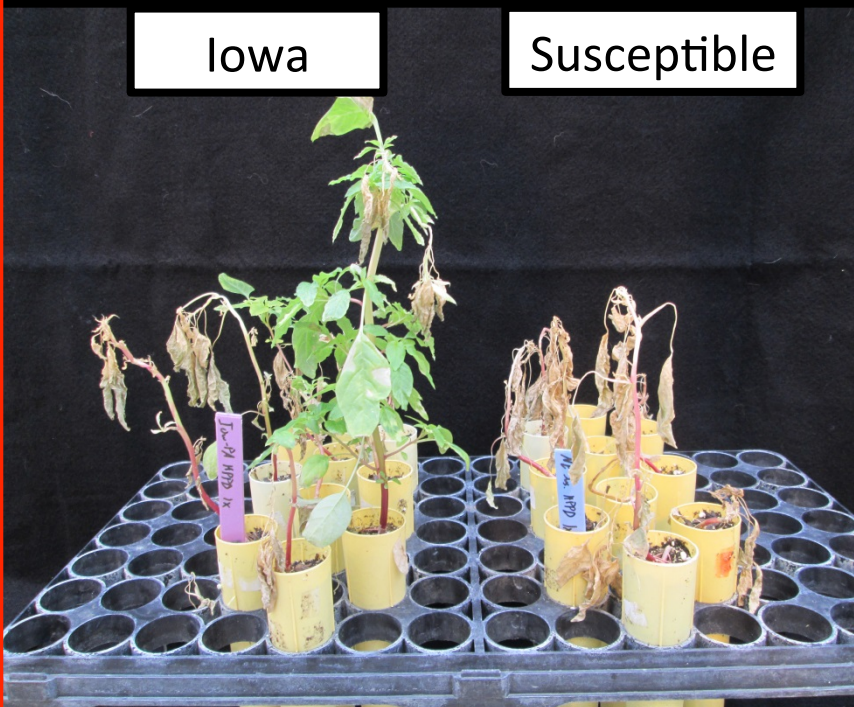
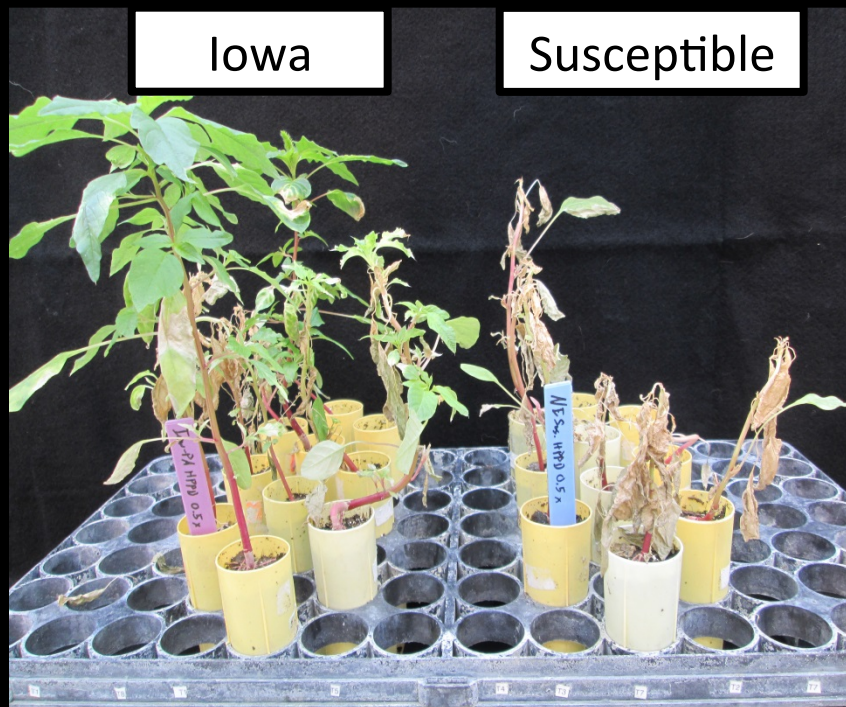
	Glyphosate Rate (kg ae ha <sup>-1</sup> )				
	0	0.0087	<b>0.087</b>	<b>0.87</b>	8.7
Significance	NS	NS	**	**	NS

\*Significant at the  $P=0.05$  probability level.

\*\*Significant at the  $P=0.01$  probability level.

\*\*\*Significant at the  $P=0.001$  probability level.

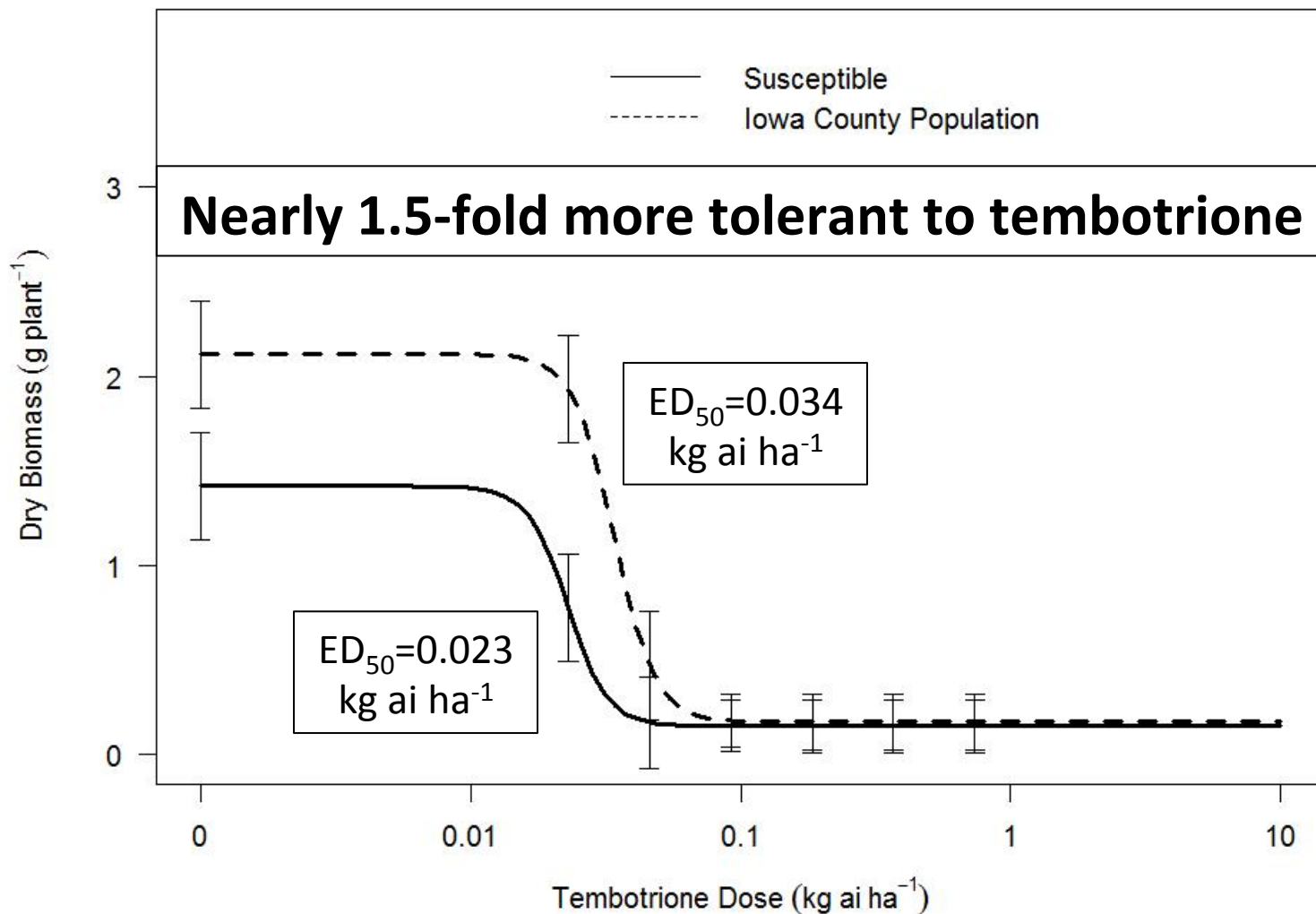
# Iowa County Population Tembotrione (Laudis®)



Pictures taken at 21 days after application.



# Iowa County Population



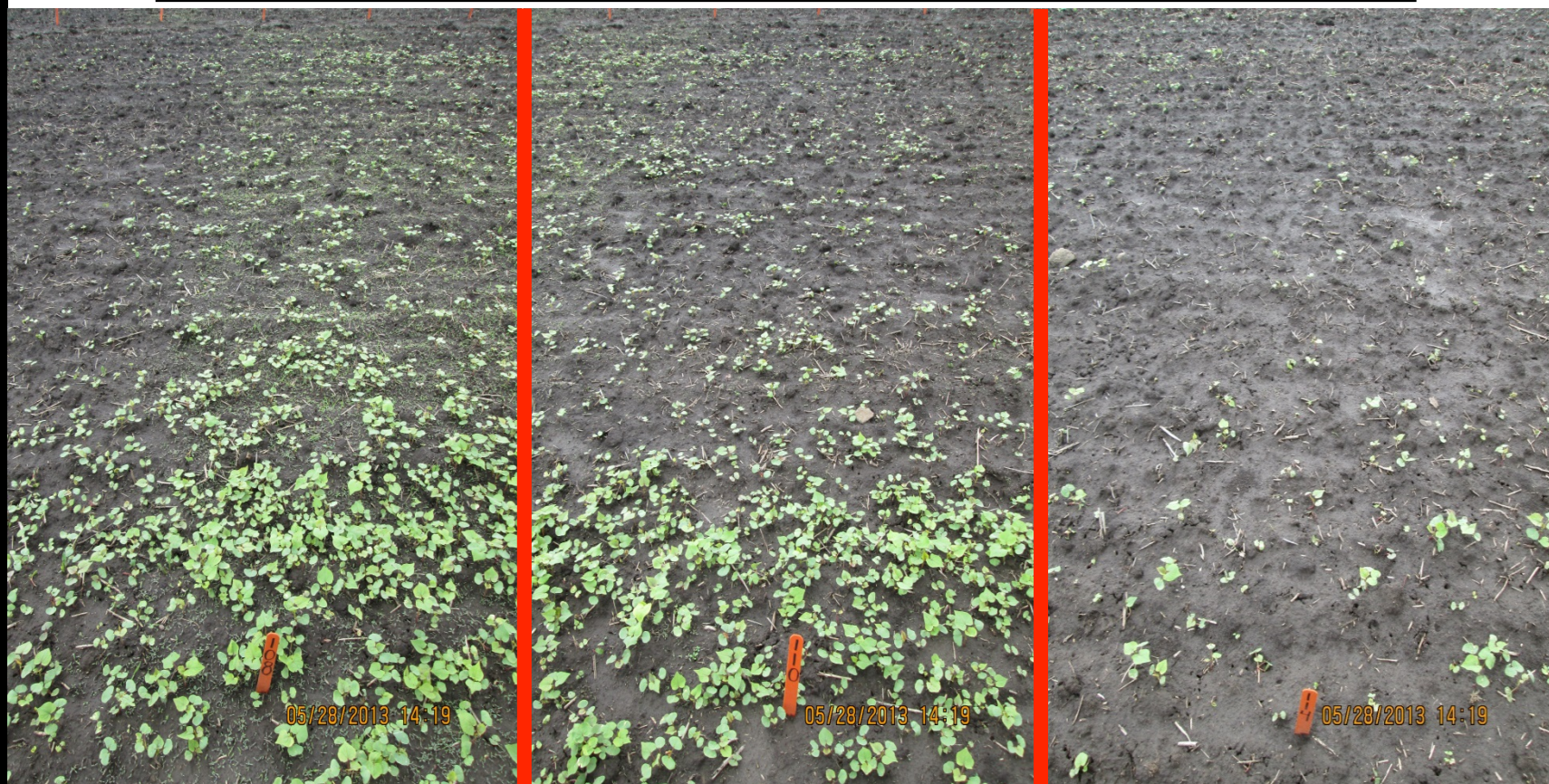
**Is there current research  
investigating alternative control  
strategies for herbicide-resistant  
pigweeds?**

# USB Soybean Row Width x Seeding Rate Study





# USB New Soybean Residual Evaluations



**Pictures taken 20 days after application.**



# USB New Soybean Herbicide Program Evaluations



**Pictures taken 21 DA LPOST (42 DA EPOST, 63 DA PRE).**



# USB At-Harvest Seed Retention of Common Waterhemp



# Conclusions

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## Herbicide-resistant pigweeds are here!

- Two common waterhemp populations confirmed glyphosate-resistant (Eau Claire and Pierce Counties)
- One Palmer amaranth population confirmed glyphosate-resistant (Dane County)
- Preliminary indications of elevated tembotrione tolerance in another Palmer amaranth population (Iowa County)



# Conclusions

## What can we do?

- Multiple, diverse weed management strategies
- Multiple, effective modes-of-action/tank-mixing
- Clean tillage/harvest equipment
- Use labeled rates, appropriate adjuvants, and apply at correct timings





# Thank you!

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# For More Information...

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Wisconsin Weeds:

<http://wcws.cals.wisc.edu/>

Herbicide-Resistant Weed Management:

<http://takeactiononweeds.com/>

# Questions?

