

# Why aren't my pigweeds dying?!

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"Why aren't my pigweeds dying?!" This has been the topic of many phone calls that I have taken this spring, from growers all across our territory. In 99.9% of them the culprit has turned out to be Roundup tolerant or Roundup resistant waterhemp.

Over the past 5 years we have seen a dramatic increase in the amount of waterhemp in our grower's fields. This is usually a surprise as you have probably never seen them before and also have no clue how you got them.

For the sake of keeping this short and sweet, I will outline a few important points for controlling this troublesome weed. If you need assistance in identifying and controlling waterhemp, please contact your salesperson.

- 1.) USE A PRE-EMERGE, USE A PRE-EMERGE!!! (Did I mention using a pre-emerge?)
- 2.) Layer residuals using a 2-pass system
- 3.) If waterhemp do emerge, hit them when they are small (less than 2" tall) with a dicamba product in corn, or a PPO herbicide in Roundup-Ready beans
- 4.) Dicamba tolerant beans and Liberty Link beans are an EXCELLENT option for controlling waterhemp post emerge
- 5.) Use a pre-emerge, if I haven't mentioned that already... waterhemp are much easier to manage before they even emerge versus trying to kill them when they are 6-8" tall.



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