

News Release

BASF launches Operation Weed Eradication to help growers eliminate weeds

As weed resistance continues to rise, BASF partners with growers and industry leaders to promote change in weed management behaviors

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., September 24, 2019 — BASF launched a new industry-wide initiative to eliminate on-farm weeds. Operation Weed Eradication calls on growers and partners to take action against troublesome weeds in their fields, through cultural practices, chemical control and enhanced diligence.

Research by Stratus Ag shows that nearly 75 percent of growers nationwide are dealing with glyphosate-resistant weeds in their fields and today's management practices are not sustainable for long-term control of problem weeds such as pigweed.

“Our approach to on-farm eradication will uproot problem weeds and help secure a sustainable farming future that builds a successful legacy for seasons and generations to come,” said Scott Kay, Vice President U.S. Crop, BASF Agricultural Solutions. “Weed eradication will be a personalized, tailored journey for each grower with different start and end points. BASF will support growers with expertise and continuous innovation to support this journey.”

Operation Weed Eradication takes a balanced approach of utilizing cultural practices such as conventional tillage, chemical control such as rotating chemistries, and eradication diligence such as hand weeding to help growers eradicating troublesome on-farm weeds.

In the coming months, BASF will assemble a coalition of industry leaders, develop a specific eradication customer offering and launch an educational initiative to support its efforts with Operation Weed Eradication.

For more information, including press photos, a fact sheet and a pledge for growers to join the effort, please visit OperationWeedEradication.com.

BASF does not guarantee or warrant that its products and/or services will achieve on farm weed eradication as they are only a part of a holistic approach of cultural, mechanical, chemical and on farm diligence.

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