Welcome to a Special Edition of the NC Iowa Agronomy Connection Newsletter. This edition will focus Weeds Week being hosted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach (ISUEO) with support from the Take Action Herbicide Resistance Management partnership.

For those of you who attended one of my private pesticide applicator meetings this winter you will remember we spent nearly an hour learning how to read and use the herbicide group chart and what all those numbers mean and how to use it to our advantage to manage resistant weeds. Many of you commented this session was particularly helpful to you and provided a basis for evaluating your own herbicide plan. Our next big program is Weeds Week which is scheduled for the first week of August 2015, at 5 locations around the state.

The primary goal of Weeds Week is to increase knowledge and understanding of herbicide resistance and develop a hands-on, practical approach to developing a long-term weed management plan that works. We will walk you through the most common weeds in Iowa, their known resistances, how to interpret effective rates of active ingredients for pre-mixes, designing resilient herbicide programs, and look at non-chemical control options. Each location will also have herbicide mode of action plots to walk through and discuss.

The session is 2.5 hours long, is broken down into sessions for farmers and sessions for ag retailers, and will provide 2.5
hours of pest management continuing ed credits for Iowa CCAs. Registration is $25 and is open until 4 days prior to the start of each session.

Additional information a link to on-line registration can be found at Weeds Week. Please consider this your personal invitation to attend this event at the location of your choice.

Locations:
August 3 - Southeast Research and Demonstration Farm, Crawfordsville, IA.

August 4 - Armstrong Memorial Research and Demonstration Farm, Lewis, IA.

August 5 - Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm, Nashua, IA

August 6 - Northwest Research and Demonstration Farm, Sutherland, IA

August 7 - Field Extension Education Lab, Boone, IA