

NCWSS 2011 Symposium

Ragweed Biology and Management

Giant ragweed is a major problem to farmers and allergy sufferers in North America. It is a native species that normally colonizes upland and riparian edge habitats; however, its range as a persistent agricultural weed is expanding across the central U.S., and herbicide-resistant populations have increased dramatically in the last ten years.

The symposium will provide an overview of current research on giant ragweed biology and management, and consider new approaches and perspectives to understand and manage giant ragweed. The symposium will also include discussion of common ragweed, a closely related problem weed that may contribute clues to giant ragweed management. The overall goals of the symposium are to discuss/develop new strategies for giant ragweed management and to promote research collaboration among NCWSS members.

An accompanying poster session will provide a forum for researchers to present their work and obtain feedback from conference attendees. We encourage a broad array of submissions from students, researchers, teachers, and managers working on the biology and management of giant and common ragweed.

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