

Summer Weeds

In Agriculture, the more you learn, the less you know. Many farmers will tell you this. No season is the same, and you learn something every day. We began this year with hardly any rain. Now that we are planted and crops are up, we are seeing summer showers. This has caused many issues in our lawns and gardens as well.

You may remember a previous article where I discussed turf response to drought. Since then, rain has come back and provided much needed water for our plants around the house. The timing of these rains, however, has brought about other issues. Our key pest found in lawns and a garden since mid-summer is late emerging weeds.

A few weeds I have discussed with homeowners are common lespedeza, chamberbitter, crabgrass, and

read the label before applying pesticides. The label gives us information on how to apply the herbicide, what rate to use, and where it is safe to treat. Some pesticides do not work well on certain weeds. If you lawn has crabgrass issues, different pre-emergent herbicides work better for control.

You might say, "Andrew, just tell me what to spray!" Unfortunately, each lawn and landscape scenario is different, and there are many things to consider. If you know or suspect any of these weeds currently invading your lawn and need help deciding best control options, call me at the Thomas County Extension office (225-4130).

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