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## **WSSA Announces Agenda for Herbicide Resistance Summit, Plans Live Webcast**

LAWRENCE, Kansas – August 25, 2014 – Today the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) announced the agenda for a national scientific summit on herbicide resistant weeds, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 10 in Washington, D.C. WSSA plans to offer the event as a live webcast for those unable to attend in person.

Participants in the day-long Summit will hear top experts speak on the following topics:

- Herbicide resistance development and management
- The decision-making process for weed management
- Economics of proactively managing herbicide resistance
- Community-based approaches to area-wide weed management
- Incentives and regulatory initiatives
- Education and outreach efforts
- The need for greater diversity in nonchemical weed management strategies

The Summit will be held in the Auditorium of the National Academy of Sciences Building on Constitution Avenue. Participation is free and open to anyone with an interest in resistance issues.

Those attending in person are asked to register online at <http://wssa.net/meeting-registration>. Those participating via webcast will find a link posted on September 10 at <http://wssa.net/2014/08/resistance-summit-ii>.

“We hope to have many diverse points of view represented, including those of weed managers, federal and state agencies, academics, industry representatives, stakeholder organizations and advocacy groups,” says David Shaw, Ph.D., a past president of WSSA and chair of the WSSA

Herbicide Resistance Education Committee. “We want everyone to walk away with a clear understanding of specific actions they can take to help minimize the devastating impact of herbicide resistance on agricultural productivity.”

WSSA sponsored a similar Summit in 2012 to share best management practices that can reduce the incidence of herbicide resistance, including diversification of weed control tactics used by growers. The September 10 event will build on the insights and perspectives developed in 2012.

Further information on herbicide resistance and the upcoming Summit is available on the WSSA website at [www.wssa.net/weed/resistance](http://www.wssa.net/weed/resistance).

### **About the Weed Science Society of America**

The Weed Science Society of America, a nonprofit scientific society, was founded in 1956 to encourage and promote the development of knowledge concerning weeds and their impact on the environment. The Society promotes research, education and extension outreach activities related to weeds, provides science-based information to the public and policy makers, fosters awareness of weeds and their impact on managed and natural ecosystems, and promotes cooperation among weed science organizations across the nation and around the world. For more information, visit [www.wssa.net](http://www.wssa.net).