

EPA's management of herbicide resistance in weeds will be investigated

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Herbicide-resistant weed worries continue to build beyond the farm field. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Environmental Protection Agency announced [March 25] it will investigate how EPA has managed weed resistance issues related to herbicide-tolerant crops EPA has approved.

The OIG will be looking at processes, practices and alternatives the EPA has provided to delay herbicide resistance. . . OIG will look for evidence that EPA independently collects and assesses information and works to mitigate herbicide resistance occurrences. . . .

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Purdue University weed scientist Bryan Young told DTN there's no question times have changed regarding weed resistance. "Back 10 to 15 years ago, I didn't get the impression from the EPA that weed resistance to herbicides fell within their primary directive. . . ."

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"Now there's no denying the impact of herbicide-resistant weeds, and everyone who's involved with applying herbicides should be managing against weed resistance to all herbicides. Herbicide-resistance management requires the effort from herbicide applicators, retailers, basic manufacturers, academia and regulatory agencies, not just the EPA," he said.

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