

# “A southeastern perspective on herbicide resistance”

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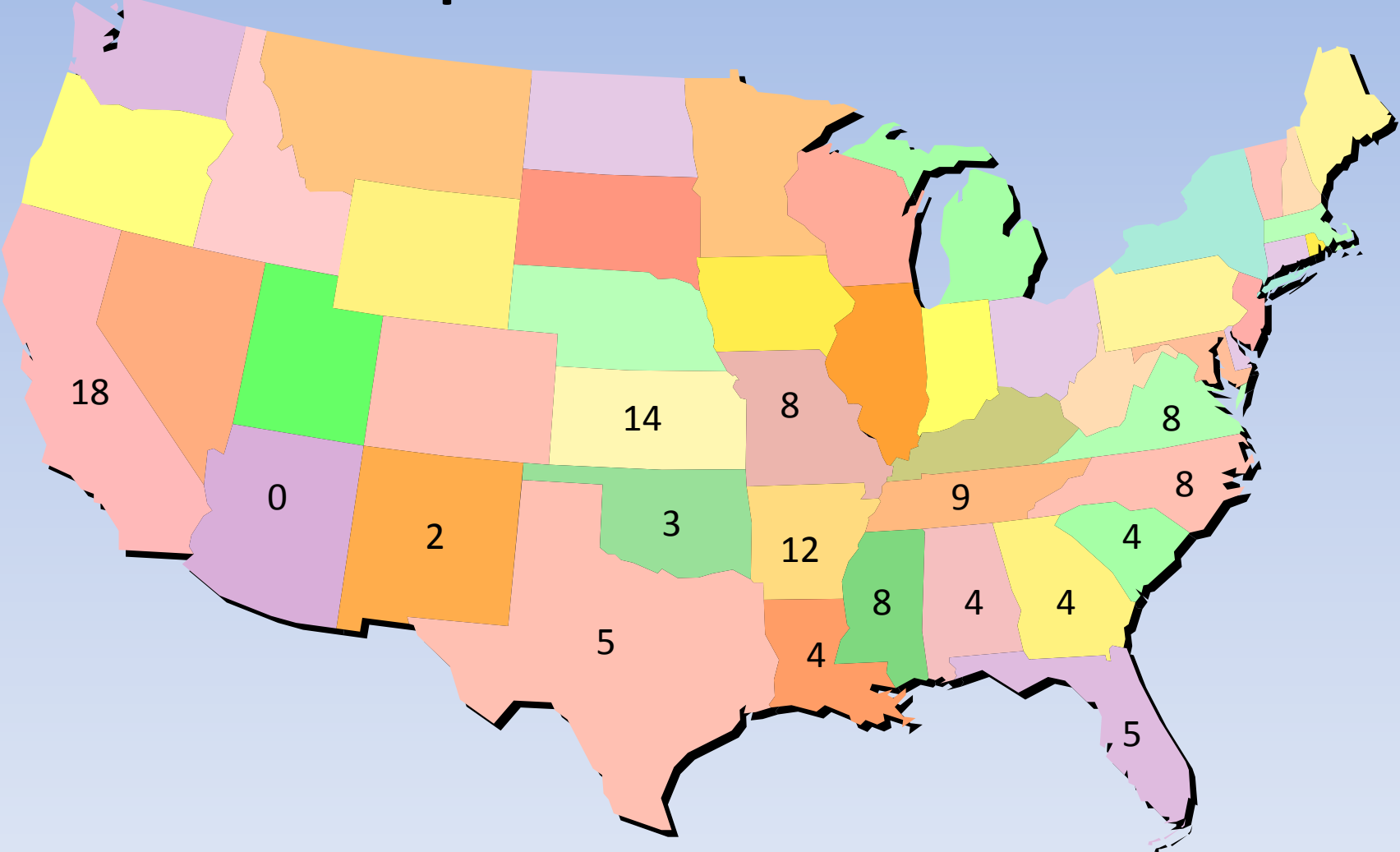
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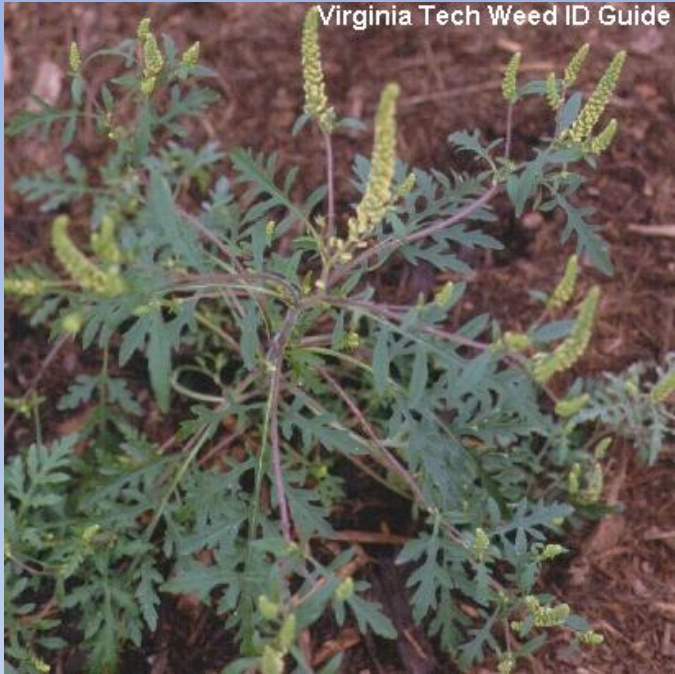
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# Confirmed Number of Herbicide-Resistant Weed Species in the Cotton Belt

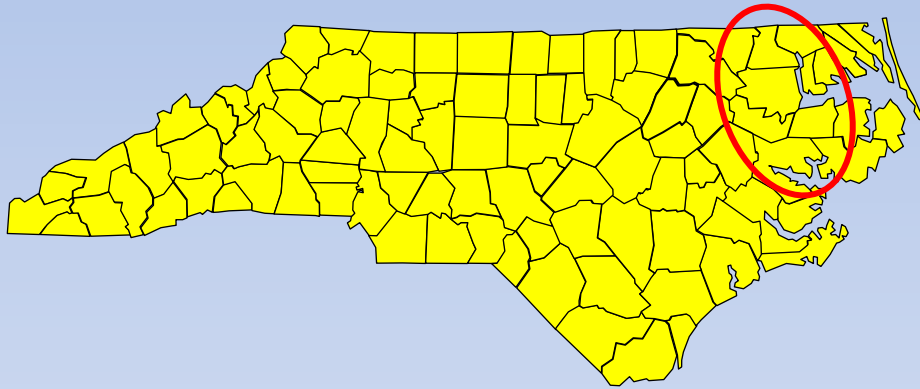


Source: International Survey of Herbicide Resistant Weeds (12/28/09)



# Glyphosate-Resistant Weeds in NC

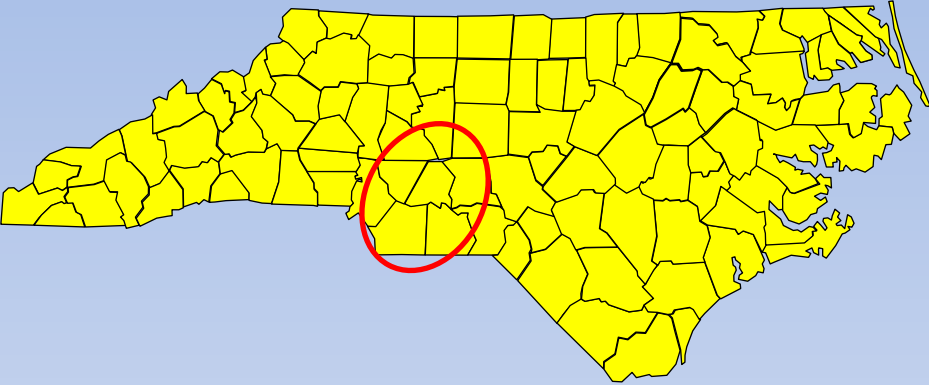
# Glyphosate-resistant common ragweed



96 oz Weathermax

Untreated

# Glyphosate-resistant ryegrass





Virginia Tech Weed ID Guide



# Marestail

- Selection not just from growers using Roundup excessively,
  - DOT rights of way
  - Railroad beds

Select for resistance

# Marestail:

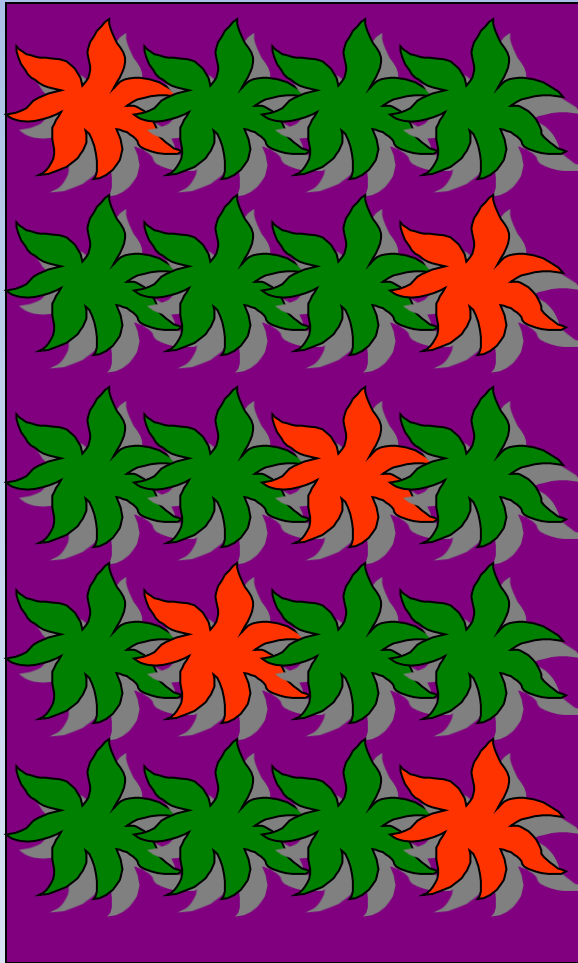
- Primarily started with NO-TILL, TN 2000
- More Widespread by 2003
- Exploded in 2008,2009
- Required changes in materials on *pre's* and *burndown* programs.







# Palmer amaranth seedbank – it is the key!



**YEAR 1:** 5 Palmer females escape

Produce 2,000,000 seeds in cotton (50% germ)

**YEAR 2:**

Weed program = 99.9% control

1,000 plants per acre left at harvest

400 female plants/A

160,000,000 seeds produced in cotton (50% germ)

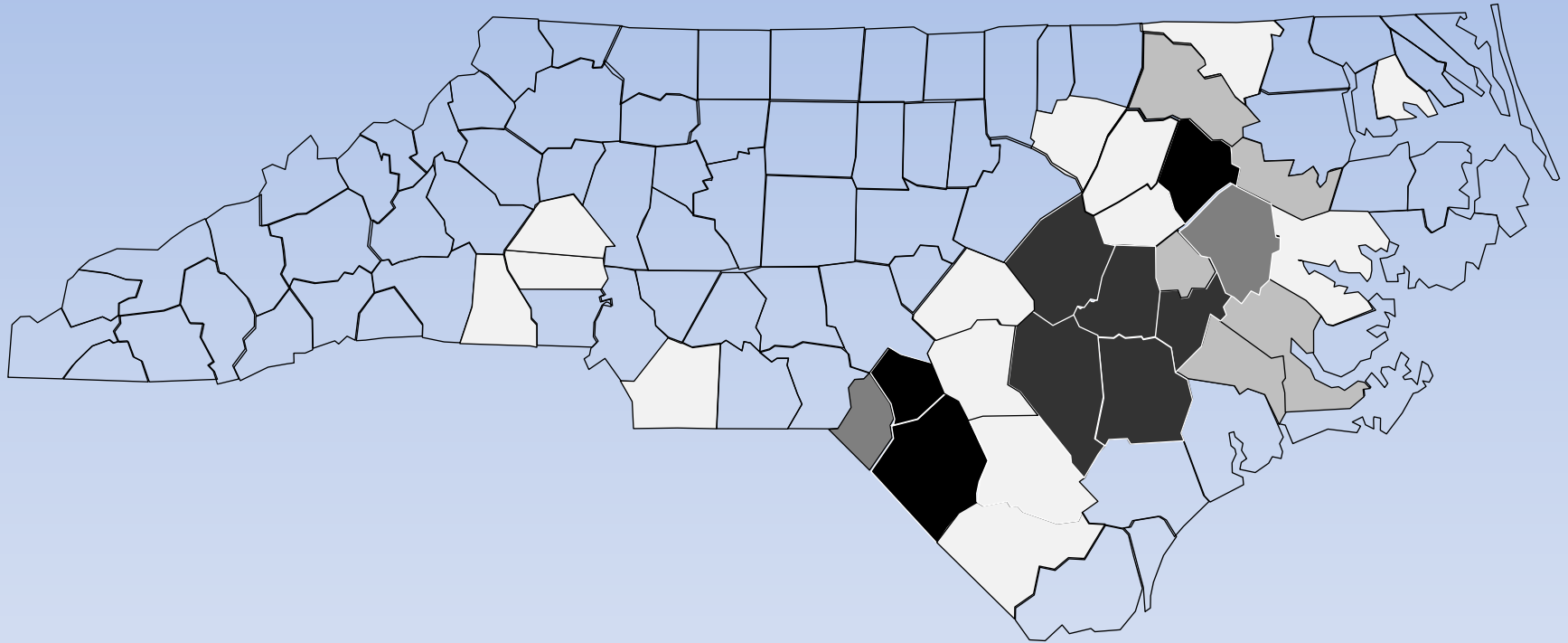
**YEAR 3:**

Weed program 99.9% control

80,000 plants per acre left at harvest

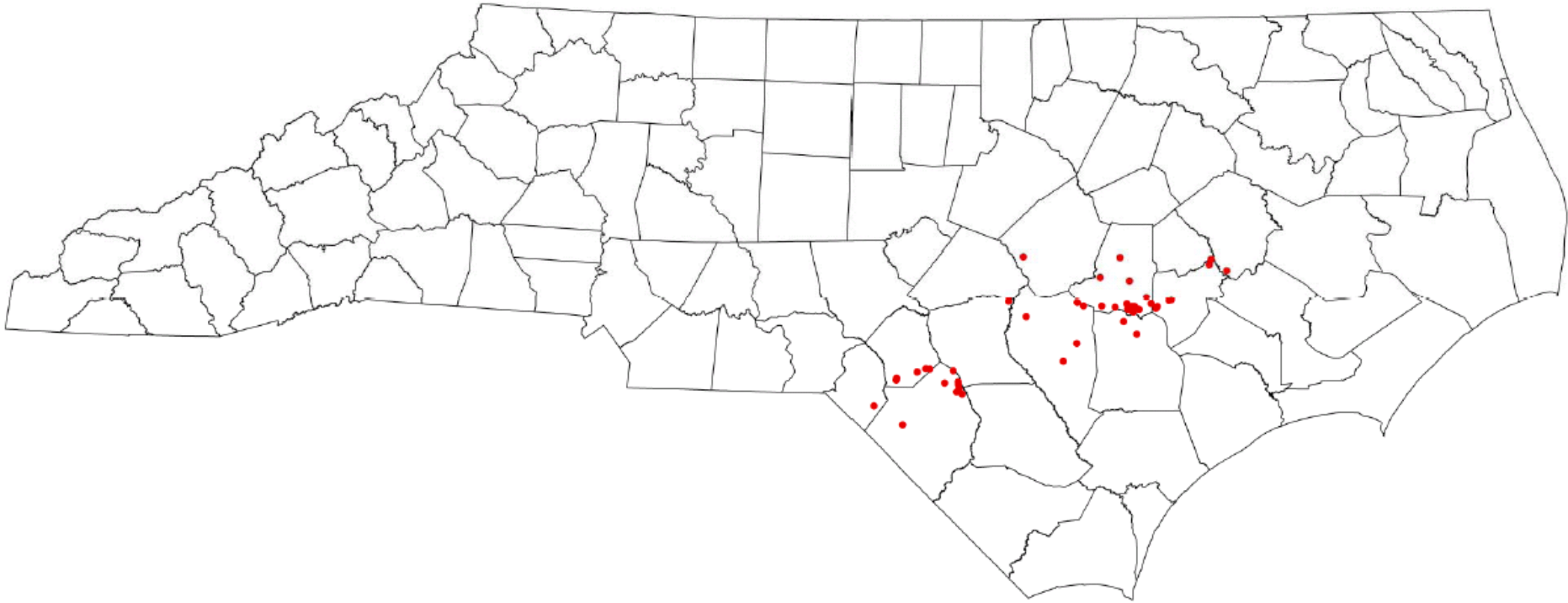
32,000 female plants/A =  $1.28 \times 10^{10}$  seed/A

# Distribution of Palmer amaranth, 2005



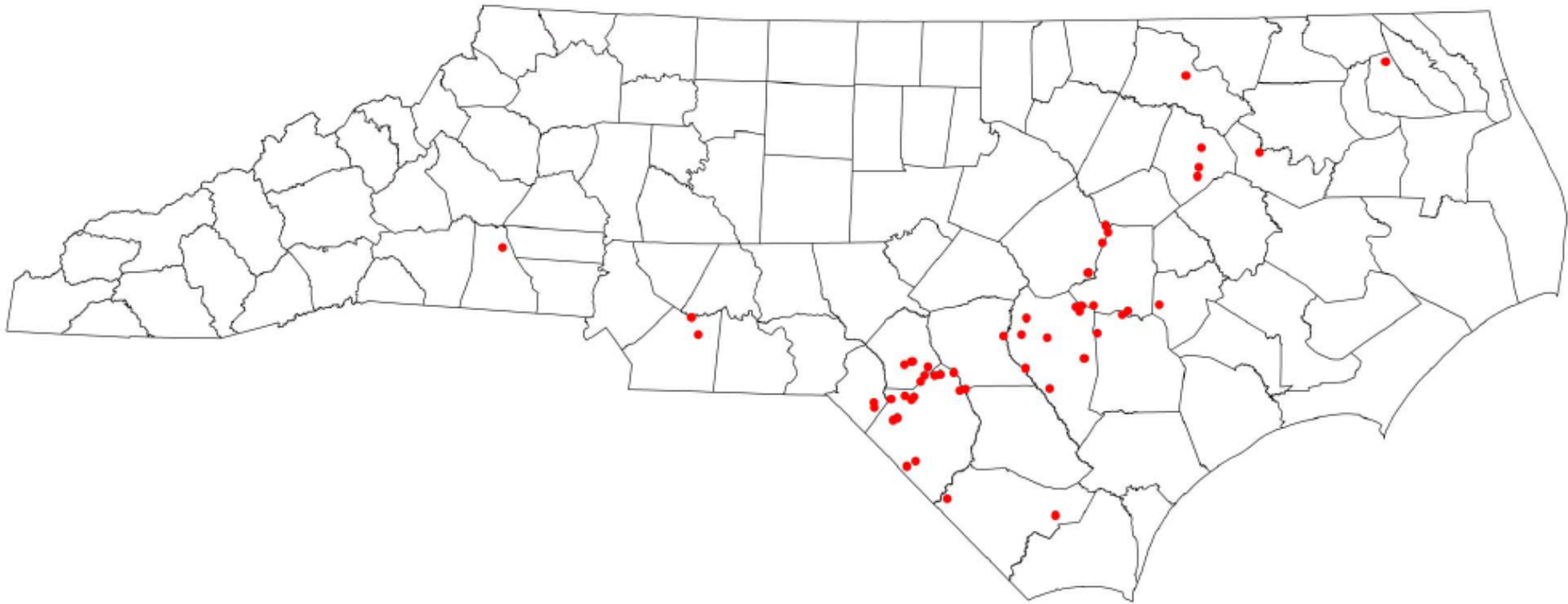
Very light → Light → Moderate → Heavy

# Distribution of glyphosate-resistant Palmer amaranth, 2005.



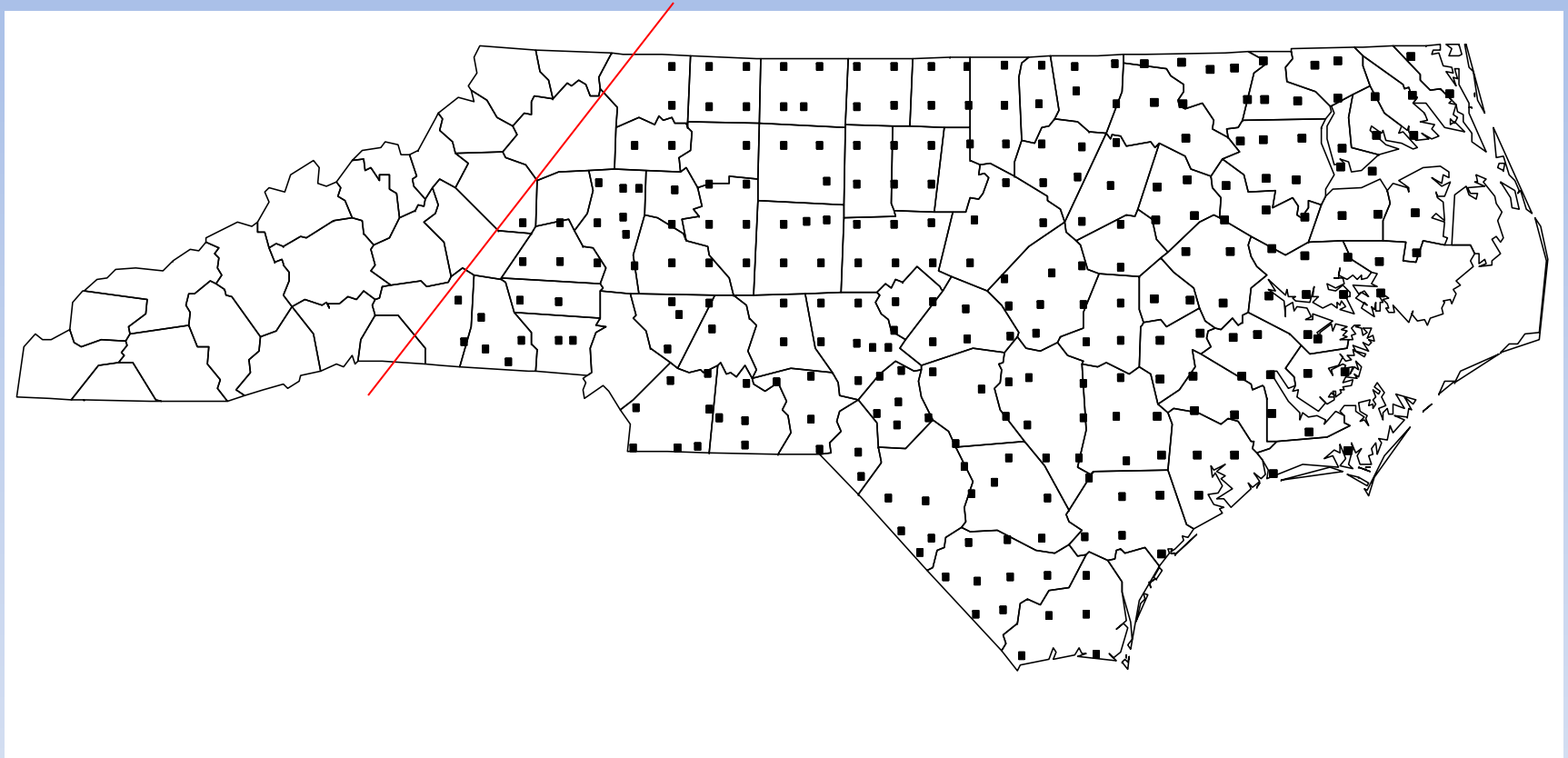
17% of samples glyphosate-resistant

# Distribution of ALS-resistant Palmer amaranth, 2005.



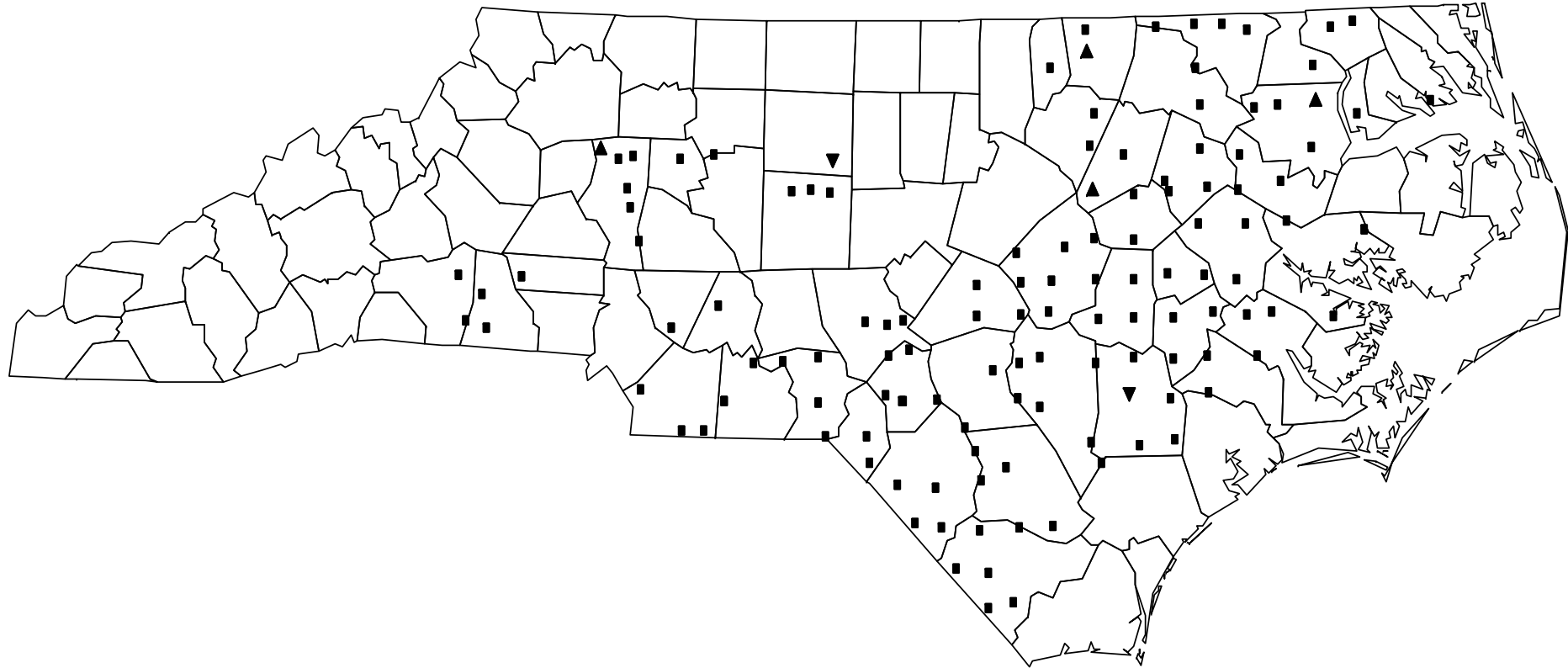
18% of samples ALS-resistant

# Figure 1. Sample sites for the 2010 survey.



**274 sites checked, Palmer amaranth present at 130.**

**Figure 2. Distribution of Palmer amaranth in 2010.**





# Palmer amaranth resistance in North Carolina

Resistance	2005	2010
Glyphosate only	17%	98%
ALS inhibitor only	18%	97%
Resistant to both	< 2%	95%

In view of this intensive pressure, how have we managed?

# Palmer amaranth resistance in North Carolina

Resistance	2005	2010
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Resistant to both	< 2%	95%
Fomesafen (Reflex, PPO)		0%
Glufosinate (Liberty)		0%

- Recognition that pre's won't work if it does not rain.
- There may be crop failure.

# Controlling GR Palmer amaranth by Developing Integrated Programs





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