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Jonathan (JD) Green began his professional career in 1986 as an Extension Weed Scientist at the University of Kentucky where he has been on the faculty for 30 years as an Extension Professor. A native of Madison County, KY he received his B.S. degree in Agronomy at the University of Kentucky in 1981 and completed a M.S. degree in 1983 in Crop Science. He completed a Ph.D. degree from Oklahoma State University in 1986 specializing in Weed Science.



His major job responsibilities comprise weed control issues that impact major field crops, such as corn and soybeans, and forage crops such as alfalfa, pastures, and hay fields throughout Kentucky. His research is focused on weed management strategies to deal with perennial and other troublesome weeds that impact these crops. In recent years the presence of herbicide resistant weeds in Kentucky has become one of the most significant issues impacting crop producers. He has developed educational programs such as field schools and weed science training sessions for crop consultants, Certified Crop Advisors, and pesticide applicators. Dr. Green also co-teaches a senior level integrated pest management course. He received the M.D. Whitaker Award in 2008 which is the highest Extension Award presented to state Extension faculty at the University of Kentucky. He was awarded the NCWSS Distinguished Achievement Award for Service (1999) and has been named a NCWSS Fellow (2009).

Throughout his career Dr. Green has been active in professional organizations including the Weed Science Society of America, North

Central Weed Science Society, and Southern Weed Science Society. He has served on numerous committees in each of these professional societies including the WSSA Science Policy Committee. He has served as NCWSS Secretary/Treasurer and more recently completed a term as President of the North Central Weed Science Society (2014). He has served on the advisory boards for the Kentucky Certified Crop Advisors and Vegetation Management Association of Kentucky.

LARRY STECKEL

Larry Steckel was raised on a small farm near Carrollton, Illinois. He received his B.S. in agronomy in 1987 from Western Illinois University and his M.S. in Weed Science from the University of Missouri in 1989. Larry then went on to work for Pioneer Hi Bred Int'l. where he worked for 10 years as an Agronomist. He left Pioneer to pursue a Ph.D. in the spring of 2000 and received his doctorate in 2003 from the University of Illinois. Larry joined the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Tennessee in 2003 where he holds a weed science extension (75%) and research (25%) appointment. His research focus is on the biology and management of two troublesome glyphosate-resistant weeds, Palmer amaranth and horseweed. These weeds cause Tennessee growers the most management challenges and have for recent years. His research program was recognized in 2013 with the Ag Research Impact Award from The University of Tennessee and his extension program was awarded the Outstanding Extension Award from the WSSA in 2015.

