



## Weed of The Week

### Hedge Bindweed (*Calystegia sepium*.)

This week's weed of the week is notorious for binding up the combine and can become a nightmare in the corn field. Hedge Bindweed is a member of the morning glory family and is native to North America. Hedge Bindweed can be found growing throughout Ohio and prevalent along stream banks and field edges. Hedge Bindweed is a twining perennial vine that produces a robust shallow root system that can creep along the surface of the soil as far as 10 feet long. This weed also reproduces by seed and can be found flowering from late May to late September. Hedge Bindweed is not considered toxic but reports of slight toxicity to swine if they ingest too many roots. Control of Hedge Bindweed should involve killing or removing the whole root system. This can be done by removing by hand deep tillage or herbicide use. Herbicide use in corn include Status, NorthStar, and Accent Q. Glyphosate does have minimum control of Bindweed species but usually takes two applications. For Soybeans Glyphosate, Glufosinate, and 2-4-D in Enlist Soybeans have excellent control.

