

Weed of The Week

Pennsylvania Smartweed

Smarter than the average weed, this weed is usually found in mostly shady areas for example around buildings or structures and along wooded areas. Pennsylvania Smartweed is a summer annual weed that reproduces by seed and can produce about 20,000 seeds per plant. Smartweed can be competitive in tilled fields and gardens. One good way to control Pennsylvania Smartweed is rotating crops to a perennial crop such as cool season grass/legume hay. Persistent hand pooling or mechanical tillage can be effective in removing the weed from garden areas. Pennsylvania smartweed is usually not a problem in row crops but if found then usually glyphosate (roundup) or 2-4-D can be very effective in controlling this weed.

