



## Weed of The Week

### Prostrate Pigweed (*Amaranthus blitoides*)

Laying low in a field near you, this weeks weed of the week features a low, mat forming summer annual weed called Prostate Pigweed. This weed features waxy smooth leaf that is egg shaped with pointed ends. The stem of Prostate Pigweed is smooth in texture and red in color. Stems of this plant can grow long as 3 ft across the surface of the soil. Prostate pigweed produces a greenish white flower that yields very small black seed. Prostate pigweed prefers well drained fertile soils but can be found growing on roadsides, waist areas, and disturbed areas of pasture fields. Since Prostate Pigweed prefers disturbed soils, tillage is not an effective control measure. Herbicides such as 2-4-D, Dicamba, Gluphosinate, and glyphosate work very well on controlling this weed. For the most part having a good established forage stand will keep this weed out of pastures and hay fields.

