



Weed of The Week

Tall Morning Glory (*Ipomoea purpurea*)

The week's Weed of The Week features a weed that can wrap a farmer up in a short period of time. Tall Morning Glory Vine is a summer annual native to central America. This vining nuisance was thought to have been distributed as a decorative flowering for landscaping. reproducing by seed, Tall Morning Glory can produce up to 26,000 seeds per plant making it very invasive. Tall Morning Glory features vining branches that will wrap around other plants, buildings, or other objects. This weed can easily be identified by its heart shaped leaf and the flowers can be blueish or violet in color. Similar species such as big root morning glory will produce a white colored flower. Reproduction will take place early July through September. Controlling this weed can be a challenge and should be done when the plant is small or in the seedling stage. For gardens hoeing, tilling, or hand pulling can be a good method of control. This weed does not commonly make its presence known in hay/pasture fields but if it does mowing before flowers emerge can be a good method of control. For crop fields, herbicides such as 2-4-D, Glyphosate, Gluphosinate, or Dicamba can be good means for control.

