

Weed of The Week

Common Chickweed

To continue with the theme of winter annuals, this week's weed of the week features common chickweed. This weed can be a big issue in autumn seeded hay fields and small grain crops such as wheat. These weeds establish themselves prior or right in line with small grain establishment. This can result in reduced stands and crowding in the early development of small grains. Populations of this weed can be so high that crowding can reduce stands and even reduce yield. To manage these weeds, it is best to control them in the fall rather than letting them go until spring. Common chickweed will produce its seed early in the spring and is mostly adapted to no-till production. Some methods of controlling this weed is deep to medium tillage and a good fall herbicide program that include herbicides like Finesse at 0.2-0.5 oz/ac, Olympus at .6 oz/ac, and Orion at 17 oz/ac. If Orion is applied there is a 9 month wait time between planting soybeans and a 12 month wait time for clovers.

