

# WEEDWATCH

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## COMMON CHICKWEED

*Stellaria media*

### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ Low-spreading, prostrate winter annual or perennial has weak, shallow roots.
- ▶ Succulent plant grows in dense patches almost anywhere.
- ▶ Similar in growth habit and appearance to mouseear chickweed (*Cerastium glomeratum*). Common chickweed leaves are less hairy and light green in color; mouseear chickweed has dark green or gray-green leaves covered with soft hairs.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ For optimum control, apply as a pre-emergent in late summer/early fall.
- ▶ For post-emergent control, apply a two-, three- or four-way product that contains an active ingredient such as fluroxypyr, triclopyr or clopyralid.
- ▶ Keep in mind that herbicide effectiveness is reduced as weeds mature. For optimum post-emergent control, apply to actively growing, immature weeds in the fall. If a spring application is made, you may need more than one application.



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## HENBIT *Lamium amplexicaule*

### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ Winter annual has square, flowering stems to nearly 10 in. tall.
- ▶ Commonly confused with purple deadnettle (*Lamium purpureum*). Deadnettle also has square stems, but its upper leaves have petioles (henbit does not) and its upper leaves are distinctly red- or purple-tinted. Henbit features mint-like pink to purple flowers.
- ▶ Prefers thin, nutrient-rich soil.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Apply herbicide in late summer/early fall for pre-emergent control, before the weed germinates.
- ▶ For post-emergent control, apply a two-, three- or four-way product that contains one active ingredient such as fluroxypyr, triclopyr or clopyralid.
- ▶ For optimum post-emergent control, applications should be made to actively growing, immature henbit in the fall. If a spring application is made to mature weeds, more than one application may be needed.

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