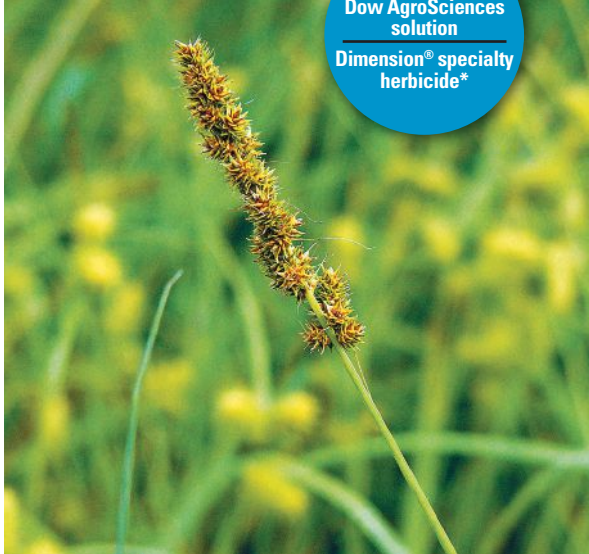


# WEEDWATCH

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## FIELD SANDBUR

*Cenchrus incertus*

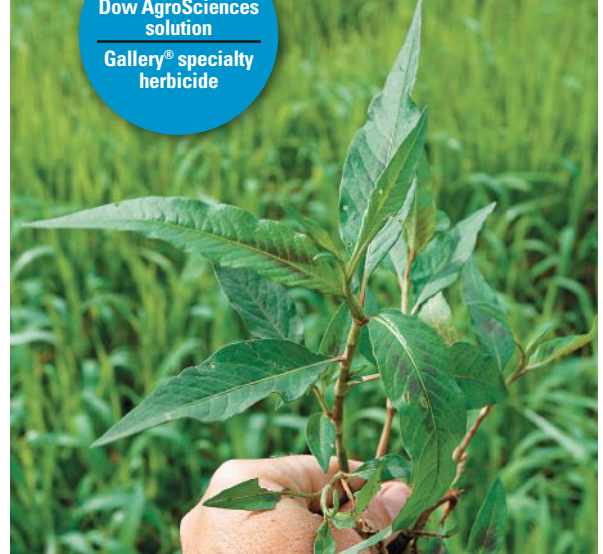
### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ This summer annual grass is commonly found in the Midwest and southeastern United States.
- ▶ Easily identified by the seedhead, which is a spike of tiny burs, it thrives in low-fertility, sandy soils.
- ▶ Sandbur forms in clumps because of a lack of rhizomes and stolons.
- ▶ Leaves are folded in the bud, and the ligule is a fringe of hairs.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ A pre-emergence herbicide program should be used where sandbur is a known problem. Many pre-emergence herbicides used for crabgrass or goosegrass control also will control sandbur. Check the label.
- ▶ Sequential applications, 60 days apart, of a pre-emergence graminicide will ensure early- and late-germinating control of sandbur. Be sure to get your first application down prior to crabgrass germination.

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## PENNSYLVANIA SMARTWEED

*Polygonum pensylvanicum*

### IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- ▶ As a member of the buckwheat family, this summer annual can grow up to 4 ft. tall, with multiple branching.
- ▶ Its stems are smooth and reddish purple with swollen nodes.
- ▶ The leaves alternate and are lance-shaped with a red watermark. Bristleless sheaths wrap around the stem at the base of the petioles.
- ▶ Small, bright pink flowers form dense, spike-like clusters on the stems from July through October.

- ▶ Its seeds are encased in glossy black achenes.

### CONTROL TIPS

- ▶ Smartweed prefers disturbed areas, and tends to grow in moist soil. Ensure good drainage. Correct mowing height and fertility also can help prevent smartweed establishment.
- ▶ Apply a pre-emergence herbicide in early spring, prior to germination of summer annuals.

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