Check Corn Fields After Harvest For Palmer Infestations

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s we start corn harvest, be sure to monitor the corn fields for Palmer amaranth. Over the last couple of years some of our worst Palmer amaranth infested cotton and soybean fields were in corn the previous year. It is very common to see late

emerging Palmer in our corn as it dries down in July and early August. Light is reaching the soil at that time in these fields and combined with the spotty rains are likely to cause a late summer flush. Palmer is photo sensitive. This means late emerging Palmer will detect that the days are getting shorter; which will cause it to flower very quickly. Female Palmer amaranth can have viable seed within 14 days after they flower, so destroying these plants cannot wait till after the last corn and soybean field has been harvest. If you do find late emerging Palmer consider applying 32 to 40 oz/A of Gramoxone Inteon. A disk is another option on fields that are not subject to erosion.

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July emerged Palmer amaranth in corn Picture Taken August 9th



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