

WEEDpak on the web has been updated

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WEEEDpak is a comprehensive guide to integrated weed management in cotton, and it just keeps getting better!

WEEDpak was released at the 2002 Australian Cotton Conference. It contains major sections on:

- Weed identification and ecology;
- Weed management in cotton and developing an integrated weed management system;
- Herbicide choices, resistance and herbicide use in Roundup Ready cotton;
- Best bet weed management; and,
- The management of problem weeds.

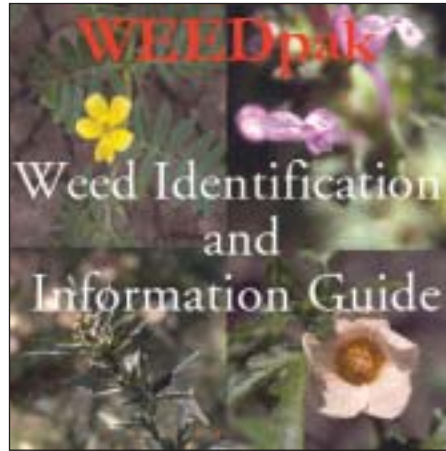
It is available in hard-copy, with 312 pages in full colour, available through industry extension officers and the Australian Cotton CRC Technology Resource Centre (TRC) at ACRI.

WEEDPAK ON CD

WEEDpak is also available as part of the COTTONpaks CD from the same sources. The COTTONpaks CD is a compilation of all the cotton paks on a single CD. This makes it not only readily accessible from any computer, but also fully searchable. A simple search tool on the CD allows any term to be searched throughout all the cotton paks. So you don't have to remember



Phasey bean is one of the new weeds covered in WEEDpak. (Photo Graham Charles)



The title page of WEEDpak.

where you read something, or even which pak it is in, you can search all the cotton paks at once.

In addition, the paks are fully accessible via the internet through the CRC web site at www.cotton.crc.org.au.

SO WHAT'S NEW?

The weed identification unit of WEEDpak on the web has been updated.



Turnip weed has additional images on the internet that assist with identification. (Photo Graham Charles)

In addition to the 38 weeds initially published in WEEDpak, a further 22 weeds have been added, bringing the identification section to 60 weeds. Also, most of the original images have been upgraded, with better images and better colour balance. So the internet version of the weed identification guide has more and better images, and the original images are clearer!

All the new weeds are still in the original format, with adult, seedling, flower and seed images, but the internet images are larger than in the printed version, and many weeds use additional images for clarification. Printable versions of these images are also available from the internet.

The internet version is also much easier to search, with links between easily confused species.

Weeds are listed by their common names and botanical names. They can be searched from compilations of seed, cotyledon, and adult images of all 60 species, making it much easier to identify unknown weeds.

Some errors that occurred in the original weed identification guide have been corrected and names changed according to recent changes in the botanical classification.

Over the next year, another set of images will be added to the internet version of WEEDpak. These images will be available on the new COTTONpaks CD to be released early in 2005. Additional weed management information will also be released.

A new printed version of this material will not be produced at this time, but the images can be downloaded from the internet, or a laser-printer version obtained from Dave Larsen at the TRC on 02 6799 1534 or Graham Charles on 02 6799 1524.

