

Sowthistle survey maps a road ahead for research

IT'S often said that 'it's not the challenge you face but how you respond that counts' and when it comes to common sowthistle, they're wise words.

How industry responds to sowthistle incursions has the potential to affect the productivity and profitability of farming businesses both now and into the future.

The management of common sowthistle has increased in difficulty over the past 10–15 years across most of the grain growing areas of northern NSW and southern Queensland.

It's no surprise then the management of sowthistle has been the focus of trial work being conducted by the Northern Grower Alliance (NGA), a key investment of the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC).

The NGA recently conducted a survey of growers and advisers in southern Queensland and northern New South Wales to provide a snapshot of current common sowthistle management practices and constraints.

A recent NGA sowthistle survey has provided a snapshot of current common sowthistle (pictured) management practices and constraints across northern NSW and southern Queensland according to chief executive Richard Daniel.

The aim of the survey was to better understand the incidence and extent of sowthistle populations, management strategies used by growers and advisers, and identify knowledge gaps to



Richard Daniel.

ensure that future research, development and extension activities are well targeted and effective.

Richard Daniel said the results provide an important insight into the way growers and advisers manage sowthistle at a paddock level.



Sowthistle closeup.



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