



Note From the President:

I hope this newsletter finds you well and having had a productive summer. It is amazing how quickly time passes, it seems like yesterday we all gathered in Austin, TX at the 2022 SWSS annual meeting and enjoyed each other's company after a year absence. However, summer is nearly over and by the time you read this, students will be back in classrooms across the country, college football has started, and many will be hoping for a bountiful harvest. It is very easy to get weighed down with day-to-day tasks and the plethora of other activities that we all face, but consider taking a few moments to ponder all the amazing things we get to do and see because we chose a career in agriculture. I feel blessed beyond belief that I get to play a very small part in feeding and clothing the world and hope that you do as well.



2023 SWSS Annual Meeting: Your Southern Weed Science Society Board of Directors recently met in Baton Rouge, LA to begin the planning process for the 2023 SWSS annual meeting. Eric Castner is serving as President-Elect and program chair and is overseeing annual meeting activities. With Eric at the helm, the 2023 annual meeting is sure to be as smooth as any we have hosted. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Connor Webster. Connor is serving as local arrangements chair and attended the summer board meeting in Baton Rouge. He has already invested a substantial amount of his time into making our 2023 annual meeting a success.

If not already, the website for title submissions will be open very soon and will close October 1. Please be sure to keep an eye on all posted deadlines for title submission, abstract submission, room reservations, etc. When traveling to our annual meeting, please make every effort to book rooms at the Renaissance Hotel. If we fail to meet our room block obligations, the financial penalties to our society are substantial.



For those who wish to remain a member of the SWSS but may not be able to attend the 2023 annual meeting, please consider contributing to our society through a nominal membership fee. Keep in mind, this is only for those who are unable to attend the annual meeting but wish to remain SWSS members during their absence from the annual meeting.

The 2023 SWSS will kick off on Sunday, January 23rd with a social event (likely Top Golf again) as we had in Austin. Feedback from the 2022 event was overwhelmingly positive and we hope to build upon that success in 2023. The interaction between students, university, and industry folks was amazing and a good time was had by all. The opening session will take place during the after-

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noon on Monday, January 24th followed by sessions on Tuesday (25th) and Wednesday (26th). Like in 2022, we will recognize our society award winners at a luncheon and our graduate student contest and summer weed contest award winners at an evening event on Wednesday, January 26th. I look forward to visiting with everyone in Baton Rouge in January.

Weed Contest: First and foremost, thank you to Bruce Kirksey and his staff at Agricenter International, volunteers at the summer weed contest, and Drew Ellis for serving as contest chair for the past several years. All of these folks have given their time and talents well beyond the call of duty in support of our society. Bruce and his staff have hosted this event numerous times in the past few years in spite of the demanding workload required to pull everything together. The 2023 summer contest will be Drew's final event as contest chair and a new chair will be announced soon. Again, Drew has done outstanding work in support of our society and continues to be an outstanding representative of our interests.

Board of Directors/Endowment Foundation Elections: Be sure to take a look at the slate of candidates for officer and endowment foundation positions within our society. Regardless of who is elected, all of these folks are willing to give back through leadership activities. Thank you to all who were willing to be nominated and serve if elected. No society functions properly without folks such as these.

I would like to thank our entire membership for allowing me to serve as President this year. Serving our society in role is one of the highlights of my career and something I never dreamed would occur. Please be sure and reach out if I or the SWSS can assist in any way.

2022 Weeds Contest Winners

Top Individual

Graduate

- 1st place – Tristan Avent, University of Arkansas
- 2nd place – Eli Russell, Virginia Tech
- 3rd place – Mason Castner, University of Arkansas
- 4th place – Matt Spoth, Virginia Tech
- 5th place – John Peppers, Virginia Tech
- 6th place – Jake Patterson, Mississippi State University
- 7th place – Casey Arnold, University of Arkansas
- 8th place – Jose DeSanctis, North Carolina State University
- 9th place – Chad Abbott, University of Georgia
- 10th place – Andrew Osburn, Texas A&M

Undergraduate

- 1st place – Maria Carolina, University of Arkansas
- 2nd place – Jacob Forehand, NCSU
- 3rd place – Hunter Lee, NCSU



Top Individuals In Each Event

Weed Id – Eli Russell, Virginia Tech

Crop Response – Tristan Avent, University of Arkansas

Farmer Problem – Jose DeSanctis, NCSU

Calibration – Tristan Avent, University of Arkansas

Top Teams for Team Calibration

1st place – Texas Tech University

2nd place – University of Tennessee

3rd place – University of Arkansas

Call for 2023 SWSS Paper and Poster Titles

Letter from the Program Chair – Eric Castner

The Renaissance Hotel in Baton Rouge, LA will be the site of the 2023 Southern Weed Science Society Annual Conference on January 23–26. The SWSS Board of Directors and Local Arrangements Committee are planning an outstanding program and encourage your attendance and participation.

You are invited to submit titles for papers and posters to be presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Southern Weed Science Society. Submission of title and author information will open on August 29, 2022. Titles, abstracts, and presentations must be submitted through the following website:

<https://weedscimeetingabstracts.com/>. Title submissions will close on **October 7, 2022**. **No title additions, changes, edits, etc. will be possible after October 7, 2022.** If you have any issues submitting titles and/or presentations, please email me at eric.castner@fmc.com and I will assist you in the process.

Papers and posters may be submitted to one of the following sections:

Section I	Weed Management in Agronomic Crops
Section II	Weed Management in Turf
Section III	Weed Management in Pastures and Rangeland
Section IV	Weed Management in Horticultural Crops
Section V	Weed / Vegetation Management in Forestry
Section VI	Vegetation Management in Utilities, Railroads & Highway Rights-of-way; Industrial Sites
Section VII	Physiological and Biological Aspects of Weed Control
Section VIII	Educational Aspects of Weed Control
Section IX	Regulatory Aspects of Weed Control
Section X	Invasive Plant Species
Section XI	New Technologies
Section XII	Soil and Environmental Aspects of Weed Science
Section XIII	Weed Biology and Ecology
Section XIV	Weed Management in Aquatics
Section XV	Weed Management in Organic Production Systems
Section XVI	Posters

Paper sessions will consist of 15-minute presentations which includes time for questions. Workshop/Symposia presentations are by invitation and may be longer than 15 minutes allotted for volunteer papers. Periods for discussion will be interspersed in the sessions. The program will be printed exactly as submitted, other than format and font changes for uniformity; therefore, proofread your submission very carefully. Primary contact authors will receive an email indicating their title was received and a later email confirming the section/day/time when and where the paper will be presented.

Each author is assured of one senior-author presentation, but multiple senior-author submissions will be accepted only as space and time are available. If you have several papers or posters you wish to present, please indicate which is highest priority by adding a note in the comments section on the title submission form, or by emailing Eric Castner at eric.castner@fmc.com.

Participation in Symposia/Workshops will be by invitation and titles will be submitted separately from the other sections.

As in the past, there will be a Graduate Student contest for oral presentations and posters. **If you are planning to enter the contest, students cannot enter the paper and poster contest concurrently.** Detailed rules for the Student Contest can be found in the Manual of Operating Procedures (MOP) on the SWSS website.

Paper Presentations: To ensure quality presentations and a smooth transition from presentation to presentation all presenters will be required to follow directions provided on the website. Projectors and Windows PC laptop computers will be supplied and/or coordinated by section chairs and moderators. Presenters will NOT be allowed to use their own computers in the sessions. If possible, computers will be located on the podium in each session. If this is not possible, an infrared remote control will be provided to advance presentations.

Screens, microphones, carts, and extension cords will continue to be supplied by AV services and paid for by the Society. In order to make this process go as smoothly as possible, please follow the guidelines below. All presentations **MUST** be in PowerPoint for MS Windows (PC compatible). Macintosh (MAC) /Apple formats will NOT be supported. Your presentation must be saved as a PowerPoint show file (.PPSX). The section chairs have requested that **ALL** presentations be prepared and uploaded on the abstract submission site so that preloading prior to the meeting can be accomplished (see Submission of Presentations). Please coordinate with your section chair if you want to preview your presentation at the meeting to ensure that the formats/fonts are all as you intended them to be.

Due to the limited time and equipment, last minute editing will not be allowed. Submission of files at the time of the presentation or at any other time during the session will not be allowed. No audio clips or sounds will be allowed. Video clips are discouraged unless absolutely necessary. Please contact the section chair or co-chair at least one week **PRIOR** to sending your presentation if you need to use a video clip.

Limit fonts used in the presentation to basic fonts, as not all machines may have the same choice of fonts. Examples of standard fonts are Times, Arial, Courier, Tahoma, or similar equivalents. Section chairs and computer operators are not responsible for changes in fonts, bullets, and other formatting at the time of presentation.

Please use up-to-date virus protection software to avoid infecting the computers provided by the section chairs.

Poster Presentations: All contest posters are to be displayed before the first full day of the meetings to provide the judges appropriate time to assess all posters in a timely manner. Content of posters including text, graphs, and tables must be easily read from a distance of 6 feet. Titles and headings should be larger and readable from a greater distance.

Poster contestants will not be required to accompany their poster during the judging period (usually during the first full day of meeting) but if a designated time period has been allocated for student poster presentations, he or she may accompany their poster. Note that posters will only be judged on the content of the poster.

Because of cost and logistics, it will not be possible to provide electrical connections, video equipment, or other special equipment for any posters.

In past submissions, some students failed to complete the submission form correctly, which caused them to not be entered into the desired contest. This resulted in numerous program changes after printing and some confusion before and during the conference. **Once the title submission site is activated, please be certain to fill out the submission form completely and accurately.**

Students are eligible to participate in both the Student Paper Contest and Poster Contest multiple times during a M.S. program and a Ph.D. program; however, a **student cannot participate in both contests concurrently during the 2023 meeting**. A student can only win 1st place in the paper and poster contest once per degree program.

Specific questions pertaining to the Student Contest should be directed to Chair of the Student Contest: Matthew Wiggins (matthew.wiggins@fmc.com). If you have any questions about submitting a title for the 2023 meeting, please contact: Eric Castner (eric.castner@fmc.com) 2023 Program Chair; FMC Corporation, 20484 N. County Road 3210, Pauls Valley, OK 73075.

2023 SWSS Awards

The Awards Committee consist of a Parent Awards Committee with the Immediate Past President (Clete Youmans) as chairperson and five Awards Subcommittees: (1) Fellow Award, (2) Outstanding Educator Award, (3) Outstanding Young Weed Scientist Award, (4) Outstanding Graduate Student Awards, and (5) Excellence in Regulatory Stewardship Award. The Awards Subcommittees are broadly representative of all interests of the society. Individual members of the Awards Subcommittees shall be responsible for soliciting other SWSS members to make nominations and seeing that the nominators submit biographical information and a black and white photo for each nominee prior to the deadline (Subcommittee members must not personally submit nominations). If you, as an SWSS member, wish to contact a specific Awards Subcommittee, and support nominating another member for an award, please contact a member of the particular Award Subcommittee, or the Award Subcommittee Chair (listed below) well before Oct. 15, 2022 (having a bio and photo of the person you're recommending might be expected by this date as well, so check earlier than Oct. 15, as these bio submissions can be up to each subcommittee chair). No person shall be eligible to receive the same award a second time.

Award Subcommittee Chairs and contact information:

Fellow Award: Greg MacDonald, pineacre@ufl.edu, 352-294-1584

Outstanding Educator Award: Stephen Enloe, sfenloe@ufl.edu, 352-392-6841

Outstanding Young Weed Scientist Award: Todd Baughman, todd.baughman@okstate.edu, 580-224-0623

Outstanding Graduate Student Awards: Kelly Bachscheider, kelly.a.barnett@corteva.com, 317-478-6974

Excellence in Regulatory Stewardship Award: Jason Norsworthy, jnorswor@uark.edu, 479-313-1265

Descriptions of Awards

There are five major awards presented by the SWSS at each annual meeting, their description are below:

SWSS Fellow award is the highest honor the Society presents. The purpose of this award is to recognize those members who have made significant contributions to the Southern Weed Science Society and advances in the discipline of weed science in the SWSS region.

Outstanding Educator Award - This award of \$1,000 cash (sponsored by Corteva) and a certificate or plaque will be presented annually to a weed scientist in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Society and Weed Science through education. The Award is to be given in recognition of a broad range of activities including formal classroom teaching; outreach and public service or extension including workshops, seminars, short courses, or other means of communication; mentoring undergraduate and graduate students; publication of scholarly work in journals, books, or reviews.

Outstanding Young Weed Scientist Award - These awards of \$1,000 cash and a certificate or plaque to be presented annually to a young weed scientist one from academia (teaching, research, extension) to be sponsored by BASF and one from Industry to be sponsored by the SWSS in recognition of outstanding service to weed science.

Outstanding Graduate Student Awards (one each for students at the MS level and the PhD level) - These awards are sponsored by the SWSS Endowment Foundation and consist of a \$400 cash award and a plaque for MS level and \$400 cash award and plaque for PhD level. The awards are given annually to a graduate student (one at the MS level and one at the PhD level) who has demonstrated outstanding performance in graduate studies and related weed science activities. Winners at the MS level are not eligible for this award at the PhD level. Students must have received the degree for which they are nominated since the previous SWSS Annual Meeting.

Excellence in Regulatory Stewardship Award is sponsored by Bayer CropScience and awarded yearly for five years beginning in 2023. This award is for specific collaborations in the emerging applications of science and technology that require regulatory and stewardship protocols.

This award recognizes scientists that demonstrate great interaction and collaboration between public and private institutions, establish multiyear outreach and support of the new technologies, and provide nonbiased feedback while extending research findings to the scientific and farming communities through publications and extension activities. The selected program will be awarded a plaque and monetary awards to be allocated as follows: Principal Investigator, \$2000, and remainder of the graduate team (\$250 each), to a maximum total award of \$3,000 unless extenuating circumstances. The graduate students should be the primary researchers and does not include technicians. Team members should be named during the nomination process. If a project has two lead PI's they should be awarded and the primary funds divided evenly. Graduate students providing minimal assistance should not be nominated.

Award Qualifications (Minimum Qualifications for Prospective Candidates)

FELLOW AWARD Qualifications

The potential recipient must have been an active member of the SWSS for >20 years, 2) Be at least 50 years of age at the time of the annual meeting, 3) Have made significant contributions of service to the SWSS (including but not limited to: serving on committees or being an officer, hosting the SWSS Weed Contest, judging at the paper/poster contest, etc.), 4) Contributed substantially to the success of his/her company, university, and/or government agency and to advance the discipline of Weed Science in the SWSS region. Whereas the Fellow Award has been renamed to envelope both the Distinguished Service and the Weed Scientist of the Year Awards, previous recipients of these awards are not eligible for the SWSS Fellow Award. The maximum number of Fellow awards per year is set at two (2), with no distinction between those from academia or industry.

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

Recipients must be a voting member of SWSS in the year of nomination. 2) Must be an active member of SWSS during the last five (5) years.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG WEED SCIENTIST AWARDS: Recipients (1 from academia, 1 from industry):

Recipients must have been a voting member of the Society for at least three of the last five (5) years and must be a voting member of the Society in the year that the person is nominated for the award. 2) Must be 40 years of age or younger on January 31 of the year she or he receives the award. 3) Must have completed at least five (5) years' work in weed science other than that related to academic studies. Previous recipients of this award will be ineligible for re-nomination.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS (1 each from the MS level and the PhD level)

Must be enrolled as a graduate student in the degree program for which she/he is nominated within the calendar year for which the nomination is made and has actively participated in SWSS sponsored activities such as the annual meeting, weed contest, student paper contest, or committee work during the past two years including the year nominated and the previous year.

EXCELLENCE IN REGULATORY STEWARDSHIP AWARD:

Eligible nominees should be active members of the SWSS; and include industry personnel, primary research/extension project leaders, and primary graduate students actively involved in conducting the research.

Awards (Timelines)

Oct. 15, 2022 – Nominations due no later than this date, check with Awards Subcommittee Chairs

Nov. 1, 2022 - Each Awards Subcommittee Chair sends nomination forms and ballots listing nominees for each Award to their appropriate Award Subcommittee

- Nov. 15, 2022 - Each Awards Subcommittee Chair sends Award recipients and recommendations to the SWSS Exec. Board members.
- Nov. 21, 2022 - Awards Committee Chair (C. Youmans) to receive confirmation of the recipients for the Exec. Board
- Dec. 1, 2022 - Awards Committee Chair to inform SWSS President (D. Dodds) of the names of all Award candidates.
- Jan. 25, 2023 - Awards presented to winners

Thanks,

Clete Youmans

SWSS Past President / Awards Chair

2022 SWSS Endowment Enrichment Scholarship Winners

The SWSS Endowment Committee annually offers three (3) SWSS Endowment Enrichment Scholarship awards which provide an opportunity for SWSS graduate or undergraduate students to participate in a week-long educational experience of their choice from a list of sponsors. These experiences are intended to provide each student an opportunity to broaden their knowledge of various aspects of weed science. Scholarship winners can choose opportunities in lab or field settings, work with industry or academia, and focus on research, outreach, and/or extension. Winners are awarded \$1500 from the SWSS Endowment to pay for expenses incurred during their experience.

The Endowment Committee received 13 outstanding application packets for the 2022 award. While it was difficult for our judges to select just three finalists, the three (3) winning students for the 2022 SWSS Endowment Enrichment Scholarship program are:

Name	University	Chosen Sponsor
Mason Castner	University of Arkansas	University of Wyoming
John Peppers	Virginia Tech	Bayer CropScience – Texas Tour
Eli Russell	Virginia Tech	University of Florida

Congratulations to all the winners!!

Each of the applicants worked hard to prepare their application packages and we appreciate the efforts that were presented. These opportunities are always very closely contested, thus the SWSS Endowment Committee strongly encourages everyone who didn't win this year to submit another package for the 2023 year.

Updates Corner

Silent Auction Items Needed:

It is that time of year again when the SWSS Endowment Foundation is soliciting donations for the 2023 SWSS Endowment Silent Auction to be held at the 2023 SWSS Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge, LA. Previously donated items have included historical weed science items, ice chests, paintings, Yeti merchandise, golf balls, etc. Proceeds from this Silent Auction are used to support your SWSS Endowment Fund. If you would like to donate an item to the 2023 SWSS Endowment Silent Auction, please contact me.

Mike Lovelace
President, Endowment Committee

Necrology Update:

As Chair of the Necrology Committee, I would like to ask for any names and details about members that have died since our last meeting. Please forward any information to me at david.black@syngenta.com

SWSS MOP Update:

The MOP has been updated view on the website for any further information:

<http://www.swss.ws/wp-content/uploads/SWSS-MOP-2022-complete.pdf>



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For other society information,
visit our website:

<http://www.swss.ws/>.

Election Details

It's SWSS Officer Election Time! Please take the time to review the submitted bios for the candidates. **Voting will open soon through the SWSS website in the Members Only tab.**

Member at Large – Academia

Connor Webster – Louisiana State University
Charlie Cahoon – North Carolina State University

Member at Large – Industry

Delaney Foster – Syngenta
Adam Hixson – BASF

Secretary-Treasurer

Hunter Perry - Corteva
Scott Nolte - Texas A&M University

VP – Industry

Matthew Wiggins – FMC
Eric Palmer – Syngenta

Endowment Foundation—Board of Directors

Spencer Samuelson – Corteva
Sam Ruston – FMC

Proceedings Editor

Paul Tseng - Mississippi State University
Stephen Enloe - University of Florida

Representative to WSSA

Peter Dotray - Texas Tech University
Peter Dittmar - University of Florida



Member-at-Large—Academia

Connor Webster



Dr. Connor Webster joined Louisiana State University as an Assistant Professor and Extension Weed Specialist in February of 2022, working in Rice Weed Science. Connor is a native of north Alabama where he grew up scouting/consulting in cotton, soybeans, and corn. He received a B.S. in Agronomy and Soils from Auburn University in 2017, and soon after began working on a M.S. in Weed Science at LSU. Immediately following graduation in 2019, he began working towards a Ph.D. in Weed Science at LSU and defended his dissertation in December of 2021.

As a graduate student, Connor was an active member of the WSSA, SWSS, and the Rice Technical Working Group (RTWG). He was recognized for several accomplishments across these societies throughout his graduate career. He placed first place in the student oral competition at the RTWG meeting in 2018, placed second place in the Ph.D. oral competition at the SWSS meeting in 2020, and placed second place in the student poster competition at the RTWG meeting in 2020. Connor was also a member of the third place LSU weed team in both 2018 and 2021 and in 2021 he finished as the fourth place individual and won the weed identification section of the contest.

Connor currently has published 2 peer-reviewed publications in Weed Technology and is preparing several others, is an author on 60 abstracts, 11 invited international presentations, and gave 9 extension presentations as a graduate student. Connor is currently serving as the Local Arrangements Chair for the SWSS meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 2023. Connor resides in Zachary, Louisiana with his wife Reagen and daughter Annie.

Charlie Cahoon



Charlie Cahoon is an Associate Professor and Extension Weed Specialist in the Crop and Soil Sciences Department at North Carolina State University. Charlie was born and raised in the blacklands of eastern North Carolina (Swan Quarter) where he worked on his family's row crop, vegetable, and hog farm. Charlie attended Mattamuskeet High School where he was an active member of FFA, 4-H, and lettered in baseball and football. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from North Carolina State University with a BS in Agronomy-Soil Science in 2011. While still an undergraduate, Charlie stumbled into a summer job working for the legendary Extension Weed Specialist, Dr. Alan York. Following that summer, Charlie knew he had found his calling and commenced his graduate education in Weed Science under the direction of Drs. York and David Jordan. He received his PhD in 2015 and later that year began his career as an Extension Weed Specialist at Virginia Tech. Based at the Eastern Shore AREC in Painter, Virginia, Charlie had sole responsibilities for weed management in cotton, peanuts, and vegetables and split grain responsibilities with Dr. Michael Flessner. In 2018, Charlie was fortunate to replace his mentor at North Carolina State University as the Extension Weed Specialist for corn and cotton. In addition to his extension and research duties, Charlie teaches a cross-listed undergraduate/graduate introductory Weed Science course and guest lectures in various other classes. Charlie has authored or co-authored 34 peer-reviewed papers, 39 peer-reviewed extension publications, and 74 meeting abstracts. He has mentored 7 MS and 1 PhD students and served as a committee member for 14 additional students.

Charlie has served on several Southern Weed Science Society, Northeastern Weed Science Society, and Weed Science Society of America committees. In service to the Southern Weed Science Society, Charlie serves annually as a judge or moderator for the graduate student oral contest. From 2017 to 2019, Charlie served on the Southern Weed Science Society Student Contest Committee that culminated as committee chair for the 2019 annual meeting in Oklahoma City. As chair of the committee, Charlie organized the 2019 Graduate Student Contest that included 72 participants and 45 judges across nine separate contest sections. He has also chaired the Outstanding Educator Subcommittee and has been a member of the Continuing Education Unit Committee. Additionally, Charlie currently serves as Vice President of the Weed Science Society of North Carolina and is an active member of the Crop Protection Association of NC, Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers, and the NC Association of County Agricultural Agents. Charlie is a Deacon at Wendell Baptist Church where he also serves on the Administrative Team, Security Team, and is a substitute Sunday school and Royal Ambassador teacher. In his spare time he enjoys tinkering on his 1962 John Deere 1010 tractor, traveling, farming/gardening, hunting/fishing, reading, playing cards, cheering on the Wolfpack (and Hokies), and spending time with his wife, two children, and yellow lab.

Member-at-Large—Industry

Delaney Foster



Delaney Foster grew up in Perry, Georgia, where her parents raised beef show cattle and horses. Delaney received her B.S. degree in Agriculture at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton, GA in 2018. While at ABAC, she worked for Dr. Stanley Culpepper at the University of Georgia Tifton campus and interned with Dr. Henry McLean, field scientist with Syngenta Crop Protection. As an undergraduate, Delaney placed first at the Southern Weed Science Society Weed Contest in the summer of 2018. These experiences opened the door for her to discover a career path in weed science. Delaney obtained her M.S. degree in Plant and Soil Sciences from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. She studied under the direction of Dr. Peter Dotray who holds a joint appointment with Texas Tech University and Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Service. She is currently working towards a Ph.D. in weed science at the University of Tennessee with extension weed specialist Dr. Larry Steckel. She will defend her dissertation titled “Characterization and Management of Auxin-Resistant Palmer amaranth in Tennessee” this fall and graduate in December 2022.

Delaney has proven successful in many oral and poster competitions at both regional and national society and commodity meetings, placing first at the Texas Tech 3MT Competition, the Texas Plant Protection Association poster contest, the Beltwide Cotton Conference oral paper contest (MS & PhD), and the SWSS oral paper contest (MS & PhD). She was a member of the first-place sprayer calibration team of the SWSS at the North American Weed Science Contest in 2019 while at Texas Tech. At the SWSS weeds contest in 2021, she was a member of the winning sprayer calibration team again while a part of the University of Tennessee weed team and tied for first place in the individual sprayer calibration contest. Delaney has had the pleasure to serve as the secretary of the SWSS graduate student organization and the vice president and president of the WSSA graduate student organization. She was recognized as the SWSS Outstanding Master’s Student at the annual meeting in 2021.

In July, Delaney began her career with Syngenta Crop Protection as a Developmental Agronomy Service Representative in Greensboro, NC. Upon completion of the developmental program, Delaney hopes to service her own region as an agronomist with Syngenta. She is excited to kick-start her career in industry with the hopes of serving the SWSS as the Industry Member-at-Large.

Adam Hixson



Adam grew up in a small rural town in Central Texas with a thriving agricultural community. This is where he found his passion for agriculture at an early age. He is currently a Technical Service Representative with BASF Corporation responsible for numerous crops, including cotton, corn, sorghum, wheat, alfalfa, sunflowers, pecans, and many others. His territory includes West Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. He has been with BASF for 14 years, spending his first 3 years in Raleigh, NC as a part of the Research and Development group working as a project leader in Soybean Herbicide Development. During my career in Research and Development and Technical Service, I have also had the opportunity to participate in many research projects, customer education efforts, sales training, and intern/professional development training, etc. These experiences have been both enjoyable and educational to me and have resulted in the formation of countless professional contacts and most importantly, friends.

Adam has a B.S. degree in Entomology from Texas A&M University (2000), a M.S. in Nematology from University of Florida (2003), and Ph.D. in Weed Science from North Carolina State University (2008). He is involved in numerous local agricultural organizations, including the Texas Plant Protection Association where he recently served as the President in 2020. This organization is comprised of university and industry representatives from across the State of Texas with the goal of providing education conferences for all involved in production agriculture.

Adam has been involved in the Southern Weed Science Society since 2003, both as a graduate student and industry representative. He served as the SWSS Graduate Student Organization President in 2007-2008 where he developed a deep appreciation for the society and its mission to provide solutions to growers’ ever-changing weed challenges. He has served as graduate student contest judge numerous times giving him the privileged opportunity to interact with the future leaders in the Weed Science discipline. Additionally, he has been involved in helping local graduate students at Texas Tech University train for the annual SWSS Weed Contest. Adam currently resides in Lubbock, TX, the center of the largest cotton patch in the world, where he enjoys spending his free time with his wife, Kelly, son, Chase, and daughter, Kylie.

Secretary-Treasurer

Hunter Perry



Hunter is currently a Field Scientist for Corteva agriscience encompassing a Mississippi and Louisiana territory. Hunter is a native of Greenville, MS where his earliest agricultural research experiences were achieved through working at local crop protection and seed research stations. He earned his B.S. and M.S. from Mississippi State university in Golf and Sports Turf Management (2005) and Plant Pathology (2007), respectively. He earned his Ph.D. in Weed Science from Auburn University in 2011, before joining Dow AgroSciences that same year. His current responsibilities include pesticide development, supporting the Midsouth sales district and serving as the zonal biology leader for rice herbicides in the U.S.

Hunter has been actively involved in the SWSS since 2008, both as a student as an industry professional. During his time with the SWSS, he has served as Secretary/Treasurer and as Chair and Vice Chair of the graduate student paper and poster contests multiple times. He served as an Endowment Trustee for three years where he worked with other members of the Endowment Committee to ensure the group accomplished its educational objectives. Hunter organized the SWSS Annual Golf Tournament from 2014 – 2020 and with the help of

Scott Nolte



Scott Nolte was raised on a small row-crop and livestock farm near Salem, Illinois. At Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL, he earned his B.S. degree in Plant and Soil Science in 1997, M.S. degree in Weed Science in 2001, and Ph.D. degree in biotechnology and weed science in 2009. Scott worked in the weed science program at SIU as a research technician while pursuing his Ph.D. under Dr. Bryan Young.

In the fall of 2009, Dr. Nolte went to work for Monsanto where he held roles in Regulatory Science for 5 years and Technology Development for 3 years. He then joined the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences at Texas A&M University in the Fall of 2017 as the State Extension Weed Specialist. His position is 100% extension appointment with responsibility for providing statewide leadership in effective, profitable, and sustainable weed management in cotton, corn, sorghum, soybean, pastures, and hayfields in Texas. His research is focused on weed management systems that deal with difficult to control weeds in these crops. Dr. Nolte has also focused on research related to managing off-target movement of herbicides. He has developed and delivered educational programs such as auxin applicator training, herbicide resistance management, and weed ID & herbicide mode of action training to county agents, department of ag inspectors, pesticide applicators, and producers across Texas. In 2020, he received the Texas Plant Protection Association (TPPA) Academic/Agency Award.

Dr. Nolte has been active in professional organizations throughout his career, including the Southern Weed Science Society, the North Central Weed Science Society, and the Weed Science Society of America. He recently served as the chair of the WSSA range and pasture section, chair of the SWSS agronomic row crops section, and serves as a member of the WSSA extension committee.

Vice President

Matthew Wiggins



Matthew Wiggins serves as a Regional Business Manager with FMC covering the Mid-south. His passion of agriculture started from being active in 4-H and FFA showing beef cattle and participating in many different development events. Matthew received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, with an emphasis in Agricultural Engineering Technology (2009) from Tennessee Technological University. Upon graduation, Matthew attended the University of Tennessee and received his M.S. (2012) in Plant Sciences and Ph.D. in Weed Science (2014), under the guidance of Dr. Larry Steckel. His Ph.D. research focused on herbicide-resistance management by integrating winter-annual cover crops and herbicide programs to control Palmer amaranth in corn, cotton, and soybean systems.

Matthew received several awards during his graduate school career and professional career from regional and national organizations. Most recently, he was recognized by SWSS as the Outstanding Young Weed Scientist – Industry in 2021. FMC also recognized Matthew by awarding him the Ignite Award and the Tower Award in 2020. Additionally, he was recognized in 2017 by the Weed Science Society of America as an author for the Outstanding Paper Published in Weed Technology in 2016.

Matthew is involved in many organizations both regionally and nationally, including the Tennessee Agricultural Production Association (past president), Southern Soybean Diseases Workers, Kentucky Agriculture Training School, the Crop Protection Network (advisory board), and SWSS. He continues to serve the Southern Weed Science Society by volunteering to participate on various committees and supporting graduate student activities. Matthew currently serves as the Student Contest Program Chair, SWSS Weed Contest Chair, and will rotate on to committees and sub-committees in the coming years.

Eric Palmer



Eric Palmer was born in Memphis, TN and grew up on a grain and cattle farm near Mount Pleasant, MS. He received his B.S. in Agricultural Pest Management (1995) and M.S. in Weed Science (1998) from Mississippi State University under the direction of Dr. David Shaw. He went on to complete his PhD in Crop Science at Oklahoma State University under the direction of Dr. Don Murray in 2001.

Eric began his professional career as an R&D Scientist with Syngenta Crop Protection at the Eastern Region Technical Center near Hudson, NY in 2001. In 2004, he was transferred to MS where he worked on the Southern Region Technical Center near Leland, MS for two years before becoming the Crop Protection Field Development Rep for Mississippi. In 2008, Eric became an R&D Group Leader for Weed Control at Syngenta's Vero

Beach Research Center near Vero Beach, FL where he coordinated Stage 1 herbicide testing for the U.S. and led a team of four full-time Scientists who conducted a diverse herbicide research program. In 2012, Eric moved to the Syngenta North American headquarters in Greensboro, NC to lead early-stage herbicide development as the Herbicide Product Biology Technical Manager. In September, Eric moved to Product Marketing team where he is currently the Technical Product Lead for soybean herbicides.

Eric has been involved with the SWSS by serving as the Graduate Student Representative while at Oklahoma State. He has also been a judge for the Graduate Student paper contest and has helped with the SWSS Weed Contest on several occasions. Eric has served on the SWSS Board as a Member At-Large from Industry and as the SWSS Representative on the WSSA Board. In 2011, Eric received the SWSS Outstanding Young Weed Scientist Award for Industry.

Outside of work, Eric is an instrument-rated private pilot who enjoys flying, spending time with family, and hunting.

Endowment Foundation

Spencer Samuelson



Spencer was raised in the small dairy farming community of Cornish, Utah where his family raised livestock for market and 4-H/FFA shows at the county and state level. Upon starting his undergraduate degree, he discovered he had a greater passion for plants over animals and pursued that passion earning his bachelor's split between Utah State University and Brigham Young University-Idaho, majoring in Range, Ecology, Wildlife, and Fisheries, with an emphasis in Rangeland Management. Following completion of his undergraduate studies in 2012 Spencer taught high school for two years. In 2014 Spencer joined the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Pesticide Application Technology Laboratory for a master's degree in Weed Science under the advisement of Dr. Greg Kruger. After completing his master's, Spencer joined the Weed Science program at Texas A&M University to pursue his doctorate under the advisement of Dr. Muthukumar Bagavathiannan. In 2020 Spencer

completed his doctorate and began his professional career, joining Corteva Agriscience as a Field Scientist covering South Texas and New Mexico. He currently resides in Bryan, Texas with his wife and four children.

Spencer has enjoyed his involvement in professional societies in his short time, and has historically served as the 2016 Vice-Chair for the graduate student committee for the North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS), Secretary for the 2019 Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) graduate student organization, and as a Student Contest Judge for the 2021 & 2022 Southern Weed Science Society (SWSS) annual meeting, 2022 Cotton Beltwide Conferences, and for the 2019-2022 Texas Science and Engineering Fair. During his attendance as a graduate student in the respective societies, Spencer earned 1st (2020 WSSA) and 2nd (2019 WSSA) place PhD poster presentations and has authored or co-authored in 43 professional poster and paper presentations. Among his favorite ways of participating in the societies was his participation in the NCWSS and SWSS weed contests where he placed on the 2nd place NCWSS graduate teams (2015 & 2016) and 3rd place graduate team at the National Weed Olympics (2015). At SWSS weed contests he earned 3rd place graduate team (2017) and 2nd place graduate team (2019). Since graduating he volunteered at the 2021 SWSS weed contest and provided over 30 plant species for the weed identification portion of the contest. He even aspires to aid in hosting a contest if occasion ever permitted.

His attendance in societal meetings has greatly enriched his professional experience and he hopes to return the favor to the next generation of weed scientists by serving in whatever capacities he can benefit and is needed.

Sam Rustom



Sam Rustom, Jr. is a Greenwood, Miss. native and graduate of Pillow Academy. He earned a Bachelor's in Environmental Science from Delta State University in 2014, while completing an internship with Monsanto in Leland, Mississippi. Sam then moved to Baton Rouge, La. where he received both his master's and doctoral degrees in Weed Science from Louisiana State University in 2017 and 2020, respectively. While at LSU, Sam worked under the direction Dr. Eric Webster, conducting weed control research in rice. His research as a master's student was focused on herbicide tank-mix interactions in Provisia rice production. As a PhD student, Sam was awarded full-time employment from LSU while he focused his research on florypyrauxifen-benzyl use in Louisiana rice. Sam finished at LSU with 99 publications including seven refereed journal articles, three of which he was senior author.

Sam has been active with SWSS since 2015. In addition, he has also won several first-place awards for oral presentations at both SWSS and WSSA conferences. Sam was an active participant in the SWSS Weed Contest from 2015-2020 and was a third-place team member in 2018. In 2020 and 2021, Sam served as session chair of the Physiological and Biological Aspects of Weed Control at the SWSS Conference and aided with local arrangements in 2020. In 2021, Sam was awarded Outstanding Graduate Student – PhD for the SWSS.

In addition to SWSS and WSSA memberships, Sam serves as a board member of the Texas Plant Protection Association and as an active member the Rice Technical Working Group and American Peanut Research and Education Society.

Since his graduation in 2020, Sam has worked for FMC as a Technical Service Manager supporting Texas and New Mexico. He currently resides in Katy, Texas with his wife, Leigh, and their German shepherd, Pippa.

Proceedings Editor

Paul Tseng



Dr. Te-Ming “Paul” Tseng is an Associate Professor in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences at Mississippi State University. He received his B.S. in Biotechnology from Bangalore University, India, and his M.S. in Plant Biotechnology from Allahabad Agricultural Institute, India. He obtained his Ph.D. in Cell & Molecular Biology in Weed Science from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Following his Ph.D., he worked as a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Arkansas (weed physiology) and Purdue University (quantitative plant pathology).

He is currently working on identifying herbicide-resistant mechanisms in plants and characterizing competitive traits in weeds to understand the genes and/or biochemical pathways associated with these competitive traits. He has advised and successfully graduated 6 Doctoral and 4 Master's students. Currently, he is advising 3 Doctoral and 3 Master's student and has been on 5 Doc-

toral and 9 Master's committees.

Dr. Tseng has authored or co-authored 60 peer-reviewed journal articles, 6 book chapters, and 159 conference proceedings (104 in national/regional weed science proceedings). He serves as an active reviewer of federal and state grants, including the NSF, USDA AMS, USDA NIFA, MS NASA EPSCoR, Southern SARE, and Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research. He is also on the Editorial Board of Weed Science, Crop Science, Plant Gene (Elsevier), and Frontiers in Plant Science.

He has won several awards, including the WSSA Early Career Outstanding Scientist Award, MSU Excellence in Teaching Award, WSSA Outstanding Reviewer Award, MSU Outstanding Faculty Service Award, AASIO Early Career Agricultural Scientist Award, William M. White Special Project Awards, MSU OSLCE Outstanding Mentor Award, WSSA Weed Team Coach Award (third place), MSU Provost Schillig Special Teaching Award, Southeastern Conference Faculty Travel Award, and the International Weed Science Society Travel Award.

Dr. Tseng is very active in service to the weed science community, having been chosen for several leadership roles within the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA), Southern Weed Science Society (SWSS), and the International Weed Science Society (IWSS). Dr. Tseng currently serves as the Editor of the SWSS Proceedings, the Treasurer of the IWSS, and the WSSA representative to the Technical Advisory Group for Biological Control Agents of Weeds (a USDA APHIS unit). He chaired the WSSA Physiology Session, WSSA Soil and Environmental Aspects Session, WSSA Teaching and Extension Session, and SWSS Physiological and Biological Aspect of Weed Control.

Dr. Tseng is an active member of the Southern Weed Science Society and Weed Science Society of America and has been involved in SWSS/WSSA meetings since 2008. He has been married to Sally and is blessed with one son and one daughter.

Stephen Enloe



Dr. Enloe is a professor and extension specialist at the IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants at the University of Florida. He has been involved with invasive plant research and extension for the past two decades and has worked throughout the western and southeastern United States on developing innovative management strategies for many of the worst invasive tree, shrub, vine, and herbaceous species in the US. Dr. Enloe earned his Ph.D at UC Davis in Plant Biology under Joe DiTomaso, a Master's degree in weed science from Colorado State University under Phil Westra and Scott Nissen, and an undergraduate degree in Agronomy from N.C. State.

SWSS Representative to WSSA

Peter Dotray



Peter Dotray is the Rockwell Chair of Weed Science and Extension Weed Specialist with Texas Tech University, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Lubbock. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Minnesota, his M.S. degree from Washington State University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He started his current three-way appointment in Lubbock in 1993. Peter teaches Principles of Weed Science to undergraduate and graduate students and Mode and Mechanism of Herbicide to graduate students. These courses are taught on-campus and online to students off-campus. He conducts weed control research in several crops including cotton, peanut, grain sorghum, corn, and sesame. He has secured over \$5 million dollars in external research support. Peter also serves as an Extension Weed Specialist in District 2, a 20-county area home to 3.5 million acres of cotton on the Texas Southern High Plains. Peter has served as the major advisor or co-advisor of 43 graduate students, has served on 39 graduate committees, and has five graduate students in progress. He has authored or co-authored 99 journal articles, 542 abstracts/proceedings, and has made 891 seminars and presentations at grower meetings. For the Southern Weed Science Society, Peter served as Proceedings Editor, CAST Representative, Board Member At-large, Vice President, President Elect, President, and Past President, and numerous other committees. He received the SWSS Outstanding Young Weed Scientist Award and SWSS Outstanding Educator Award. He is a Fellow of the American Peanut Research and Education Society and the Southern Weed Science Society.

Peter Dittmar



Dr. Peter Dittmar is an Associate Professor and Extension Specialist in the Horticultural Sciences Department at the University of Florida. His role includes Director of the North Florida IR4 Field Lab. He received his MS and PhD from North Carolina State University.

Peter has research and extension responsibilities for weed management in vegetable, deciduous fruit, and nut crops. His research interest includes fallow period systems management, weed ecology, and methyl bromide alternatives. His extension programs include pesticide application safety, weed identification, and appropriate weed management selection. His IR4 program completes pesticide residue experiments for minor use pesticide registrations and communicating with growers on pesticide needs.

Peter has been a member of SWSS since 2005 and has served the society in many ways. He has served on the Resolutions and Necrology and Research committees and chair of the Young Weed Scientist Subcommittee. He has also been a judge for the oral/poster student contest and chair of the Fruit and Vegetable Section. Peter was awarded the SWSS Outstanding Young Weed Scientist Award in 2019. He is also a member of the Weed Science Society and serving as an Associate Editor of Weed Technology and member/chair of committees.

August 8, 2022
Lee Van Wychen

2022 Science Policy Fellow: Taylor Randell



The Weed Science Policy Fellowship program is a unique opportunity for graduate students to assist me in my role as Executive Director of Science Policy for WSSA while gaining experience dealing with a broad array of weed science policy issues. Our first of two Science Policy Fellows for 2022 is Taylor Randell at the University of Georgia.

Taylor is a third year Ph.D. student at the University of Georgia studying under the direction of Dr. Stanley Culpepper. Her dissertation research is focused primarily on weed management in cotton and vegetable production systems, along with quantifying PPO-resistance in Georgia Palmer amaranth. Prior to her Ph.D. work, she received a B.S. in Agriculture from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and an M.S. in Crop and Soil Science from the University of Georgia. Growing up on a family farm in Florida, Taylor understands the difficulties farmers face, especially with growing crops in complex production systems. She is passionate about learning more about science policy in order to help farmers navigate these challenges, while remaining economically and environmentally sustainable. Taylor is grateful for the ability to participate in the WSSA Science Policy Fellowship this year, and for the exposure and opportunities it provides.

FY 2023 Ag Research Budget Status

On June 23, the House Appropriations Committee approved its FY 2023 agriculture spending bill, H.R. 8239. The legislation includes \$27.2 billion in discretionary funding for USDA, FDA and related programs. Of this total, \$3.6 billion would be targeted to agricultural research programs. The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) would receive \$1.8 billion (+3 percent), and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) would get \$1.8 billion (+9 percent) in the House's bill. The Senate will begin marking up their fiscal 2023 bills after the July Fourth recess.

The six National and Regional Weed Science Societies have joined other scientific societies and organizations in supporting the USDA AFRI Competitive Grants Program at its authorized level of \$700 million in FY 2023. Read the AFRI Coalition Letter: <https://wssa.net/wp-content/uploads/FY23-AFRI-Coalition-Letter-final.pdf>

Likewise, the six National and Regional Weed Science Societies joined 50 other stakeholder organizations in urging House and Senate Appropriators to provide at least \$1.9 billion for salaries and expenses at USDA-ARS in FY 2023. Included in this joint request is \$112 million for the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) and \$15 million for the new Big Data Initiative at ARS. Read the ARS support letter: <https://wssa.net/wp-content/uploads/FY23-ARS-support-letter.pdf>

Senate Confirms USDA REE Under Secretary Chavonda Jacobs-Young



On June 7, the Senate confirmed Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young to serve as Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics at USDA. Jacobs-Young was previously the administrator of the Agriculture Research Service, first appointed in February 2014.

Jacobs-Young is a native of Augusta, GA and earned a B.S. in paper science and engineering in 1989 from NC State. She also earned her M.S. in wood and paper science in 1992 and her Ph.D in paper science from NC State. After completion of her Ph.D, she worked as an Assistant Professor of Paper Science and Engineering at the University of Washington from 1995 until 2002 when she joined USDA. She also worked as a senior policy analyst for agriculture in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

New Head of USDA-APHIS PPQ



Dr. Mark Davidson was appointed Deputy Administrator for APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) in May 2022. APHIS PPQ's primary role is to safeguard U.S. agriculture and natural resources against the entry, establishment, and spread of economically and environmentally significant pests and diseases and facilitates the safe global trade of agricultural products.

Before joining APHIS in 1998, Davidson spent two years with USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. Then, after joining APHIS, he spent 19 years with Veterinary Services (VS) in various positions in the field, their regional office in Fort Collins, CO, and in Riverdale, MD. Davidson has a D.V.M. and master's degree in veterinary pathology from Auburn University and a B.S. in agriculture from Western Kentucky University.

Monarch Numbers Increase

The numbers are in and they are much greater – 2.84 hectares – than predicted. Experts were predicting as few as 0.8 hectares of monarchs overwintering due to the anticipated impact of the drought in much of the Upper Midwest last summer, the extreme temperatures in July and August in that region, and the later than average migration

Read more from Chip Taylor, Monarch Watch Blog: <https://monarchwatch.org/blog/2022/05/24/monarch-numbers-in-mexico-predictions-and-reality/>

Weed Science Societies Support BLM's Intent to Approve Eight Herbicides

The presidents of the National and Regional Weed Science Societies submitted a joint letter to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) supporting their notice of intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for approval and use of aminocyclopyrachlor; clethodim; fluazifop-p-butyl; flumioxazin; imazamox; indaziflam; oryzalin; and trifluralin on public lands. Read the letter of support: https://wssa.net/wp-content/uploads/Support-for-BLM-NOI-to-Prepare-PEIS-8-Herbicides_May-3-2022.pdf

Do You Suffer From “Plant Blindness”?

Can you recall any of the plants you saw today? As weed scientists, hopefully you have a good knowledge of plants and don't suffer from “plant blindness.” But there is a shortage of botanists and other experts with knowledge of plant ID. To read more, please see “Botanists are disappearing – just when the world needs them most” by Annika Geijer-Simpson:

<https://theconversation.com/botanists-are-disappearing-just-when-the-world-needs-them-most-186849>

Say Sooeey to Palmer Pigweed

WSSA's first Excellence in Journalism award winner, Pam Smith, with DTN Progressive Farmer, wrote an excellent article on how to identify Palmer amaranth, agriculture's most troublesome weed, from some of its other *Amaranthus* cousins. <https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/crops/article/2022/08/01/time-sort-aggressive-palmer-amaranth>

2023 Farm Bill

We have worked with the NAISMA legislative committee to advance four invasive species policies for the 2023 Farm Bill. See: https://naisma.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022NISA_W_positionpaper_FarmBill.pdf

Our top recommendation is to update the definition of plant pest to include all noxious weeds, not just parasitic plants. Currently, under 7 USC 104 Section 7702: the term “**plant pest**” means any living stage of any of the following that can directly or indirectly injure, cause damage to, or cause disease in any plant or plant product:

- (A) A protozoan.
- (B) A nonhuman animal.
- (C) ~~A parasitic plant~~ **noxious weed**.
- (D) A bacterium.
- (E) A fungus.
- (F) A virus or viroid.
- (G) An infectious agent or other pathogen.
- (H) Any article similar to or allied with any of the articles specified in the preceding subparagraphs.

NISAW: February 20-26, 2023

National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) will be digital again next year according to NAISMA. If you have topics or issues of concern, or would like to help plan next year's NISAW, please let me know.

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