

# NEBRASKA FARMER KEEPS ROUNDUP READY® SYSTEM EFFECTIVE WITH PROPER WEED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



*Proper weed management practices help Scott Brewer keep the Roundup Ready System effective.*

Over the years, Scott Brewer of Falls City, Nebraska, has relied on the Roundup Ready® System for both his

corn and soybeans. In fact, 100 percent of his corn and soybean acres have been Roundup Ready for the past four years. He says the Roundup Ready System has provided him with excellent control of his tougher weeds, such as morningglory, marestail and waterhemp.

“The Roundup Ready System has given me excellent control of those weeds,” explains the third-generation farmer. “We’ll be sticking with it one hundred percent moving forward.” He believes as long as farmers use full, labeled rates and incorporate other modes of action into their weed control program, the effectiveness of the Roundup Ready System will be preserved.

“If you cut rates, you’re not going to get a good kill, and you are just compromising the technology,” he emphasizes.

Brewer uses the Roundup Ready Rate™ of Degree Xtra® on his Roundup Ready® Corn 2 acres and Canopy® on his Roundup Ready Soybean acres. “The preemergence herbicide works well on those troublesome weeds – you got to get them early while they are small,” Brewer adds.

After putting Degree Xtra down, Brewer came back with one over-the-top application of Roundup WeatherMAX®. With the preemergence application of Degree Xtra and the over-the-top application of Roundup WeatherMAX, Brewer reports that his fields stayed clean. Next year, he plans to try new Roundup PowerMAX™, which offers consistent performance from weed to weed and field-to-field, delivering better control of weeds, including hard-to-control species such as morningglory.

Although Brewer is aware of the risk of developing herbicide-resistant weeds, he says that his fields and his neighbors’ fields are free from any glyphosate-resistant weeds. “It’s really important to use the right rates and a preemergence herbicide so it doesn’t become a problem in the future,” he says.

Brewer says he is looking forward to the availability of SmartStax™, the industry’s first-ever eight-gene stacked combination in corn. He believes it will be another effective tool that will help farmers manage weed resistance. But until then, Brewer explains that he will be sticking with the Roundup Ready System for both his corn and soybeans. “We’ve had some good luck with the program, and like I said, we won’t be switching unless it stops being effective.”

## **To reduce your risk of developing glyphosate-resistant weeds, Monsanto recommends these weed-resistance-management practices:**

- Scout fields before and after herbicide application.
- Start with a clean field, using either a burndown herbicide application or tillage.
- Control weeds early when they are relatively small.
- Incorporate other herbicides and cultural practices as part of the Roundup Ready Cropping System where appropriate.
- Use the right herbicide product at the right rate and the right time.
- Control weed escapes and prevent weeds from setting seeds.
- Clean equipment before moving from field to field to minimize spread of weed seed.
- Use new commercial seed as free of weed seed as possible.

**To help gauge your risk of developing glyphosate-resistant weeds on a field-by-field basis, visit [www.weedtool.com](http://www.weedtool.com).**

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