

Monsanto prepared to address grower concerns

ST. LOUIS — Monsanto sales representatives and field agronomists are prepared to assist growers in managing and minimizing the risk of glyphosate-resistant giant ragweed.

“We have provided in-depth training for our sales force, as well as our local field agronomists, on how to assist growers in making their weed management decisions,” said Roundup technical manager Jennifer Ralston.

For the growers that are

experiencing poor control of giant ragweed in Roundup Ready Corn 2 or Roundup Ready soybeans, Monsanto provides the following recommendations:

■ In Roundup Ready soybeans: Use a pre-emergence residual product at planting such as FirstRate or Gangster, and tank mix Roundup WeatherMAX with Cobra, Flexstar or FirstRate if post-emergence giant ragweed control is needed; and

■ In Roundup Ready Corn 2:

Use a pre-emergence residual containing atrazine — such as Harness Xtra or Degree Xtra — at planting. Tank mix Roundup WeatherMAX with 2,4-D or dicamba — Clarity, Banvel or Distinct — if post-emergence giant ragweed control is needed.

Monsanto also recommends growers consider the benefits of a corn-soybean rotation, including the ability to use different herbicides and alternative cultural practices and the disruption of disease and insect pressure.

