**Inspect to Protect:**

**Witchweed**
*(Striga asiatica (L.) Kuntze)*

**Witchweed** is a hemiparasitic flowering plant that attacks important crops in Asia, Africa, and North America. Crop yields can be reduced by up to 92% in sorghum and up to 54% in corn due to wilt and stunted growth.

**Host Crops:**
- Corn
- Sorghum
- Pearl millet
- Crabgrass
- Sugarcane
- Rice

**Distribution:**
- North Carolina
  - Cumberland
  - Robeson
  - Bladen
  - Columbus
- South Carolina
  - Horry
  - Dillon
  - Marion
  - Marlboro

**Description:**
Witchweed has slender, 4-sided stems with narrow leaves emerging opposite each other. Bright red flowers bloom in mid-July and stay until the first frost.

If you suspect witchweed, **DO NOT** try to uproot the plant. Contact Clemson University Department of Plant Industry at (864) 646-2140 or invasives@clemson.edu.