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Iowa State University Extension also can be a valuable source of information regarding herbicide injury. Samples submitted will be visually evaluated and a report will be returned to the client. However, Iowa State University Extension will not analyze plant tissue or soil samples for pesticide residues. The form *Weed ID and Herbicide Injury Diagnosis, Ag-146*, available from your county extension office or online at [http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/extweeds/](http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/extweeds/) [2] should accompany submitted samples.

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