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### **War Against Weeds Podcast**

Season five of the popular [War Against Weeds podcast](#) is well underway. In response to recent questions from farmers, the two newest episodes take a closer look at the emphasis the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is putting on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) with respect to pesticide use. This 2-part series on the ESA offers good information and discussions on the potential changes and impacts the new ESA emphasis will have on pesticide users. In Part 1, the Indiana pesticide administrator, Dave Scott, discusses how the ESA's new emphasis will affect state regulators and farmers. Part 2 is led by recently retired EPA weed scientist and biologist Bill Chism. He discusses some of the history of the ESA and what impacts the new emphasis may present.

Another new episode for 2023 features information on different weed identification mobile apps that can be useful for agricultural agents and others. This podcast began in January 2021 and is a collaborative outreach effort from Sarah Lancaster, K-State Extension Weed Science Specialist, Mandy Bish, Extension Weed Scientist at the University of Missouri, and Joe Ikely, Extension Weed Scientist at North Dakota State. There are currently about 90 full-length episodes available. Season five officially started in January 2023. Topics covered so far in 2023 include herbicide-resistant ryegrass, new challenges with kochia control, metribuzin use in soybeans, cover crops for weed control, weed mapping and imaging, and more!

Episodes are approximately 30 minutes long and free to access. They are posted at <https://waragainstweeds.libsyn.com/> in addition to being available on Spotify, iTunes, and Google Podcasts.

If you have any suggestions for future episodes, please let us know!