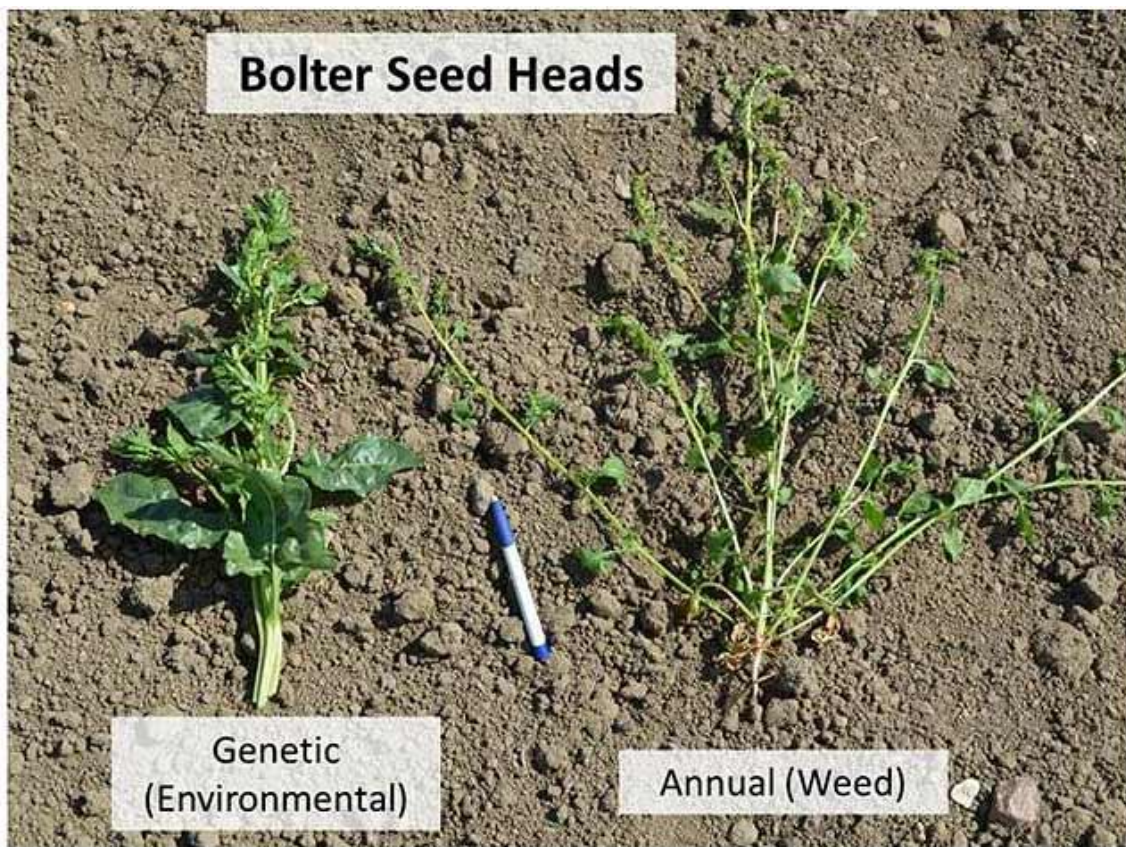


Fodder beet bolters

There are two types of fodder beet bolters that you can get in your crop. They are either environmental or annual bolters

1. Environmental bolters are bolters that grow as a result of several issues which include seed lines, time of sowing etc. As most of the fodder beet seed lines are of very high quality and are selected to have good resistance to bolters we normally don't see many of these types.
2. Annual bolters are bolters that come from weed contamination within the crop. In second year paddocks they come from old root chips or from pollination from weeds outside the crop. These are the more important of the two types as they can produce up to 1500 wild seeds per plant. With this level of seed production it's very important these are removed from the crop particularly if you are considering growing fodder beet in the same paddock the next season or two. As they are fodder beet plants there will be no method of weed control for them, therefore turning them into weeds. When pulling them out it's best to remove them completely from within the paddock.



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