

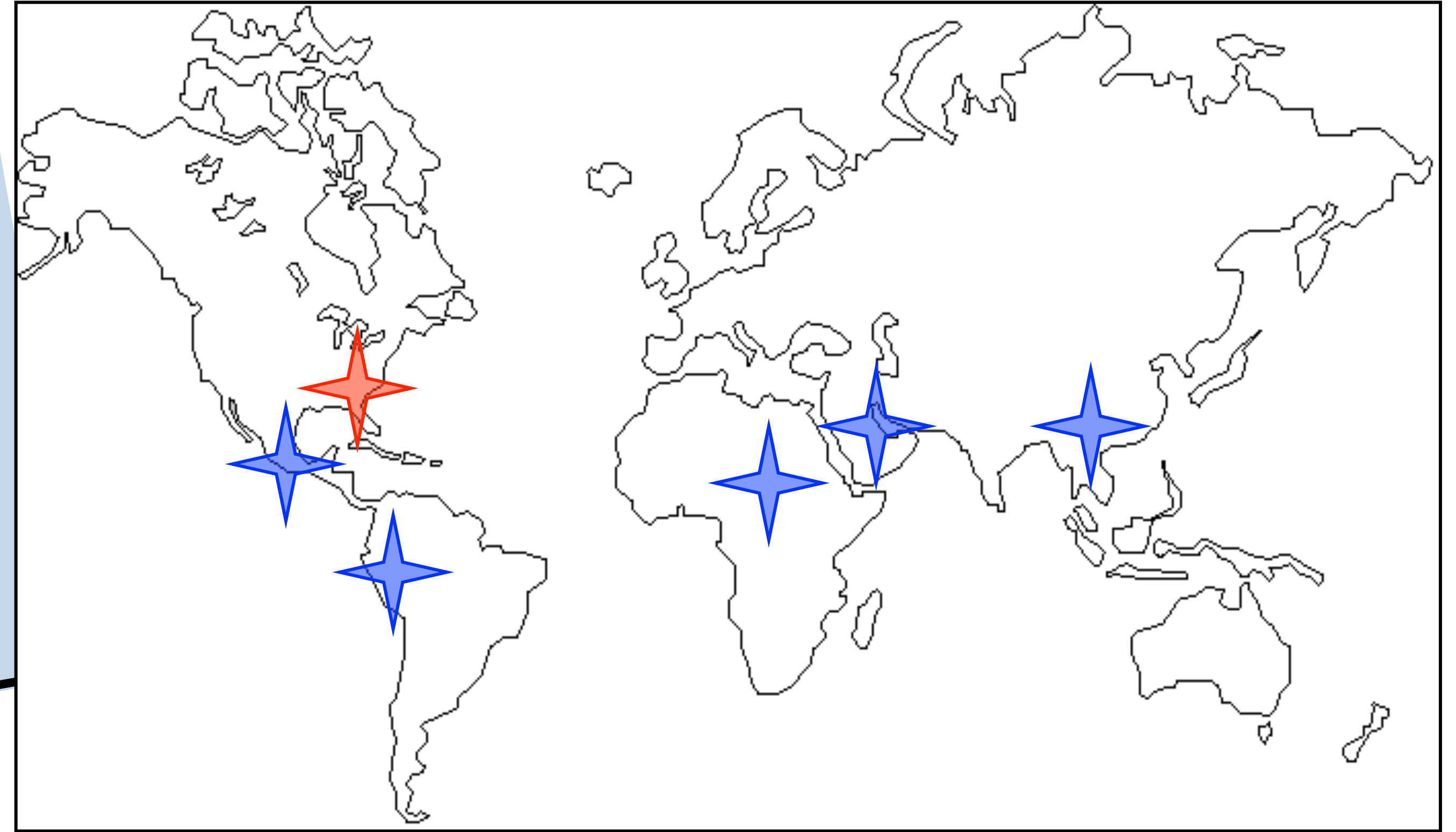
Red River Gorge: Insights Into Native Plant Domestication

Did You Know ...

... that thousands of years ago people invented **farming** in only a few parts of the world?

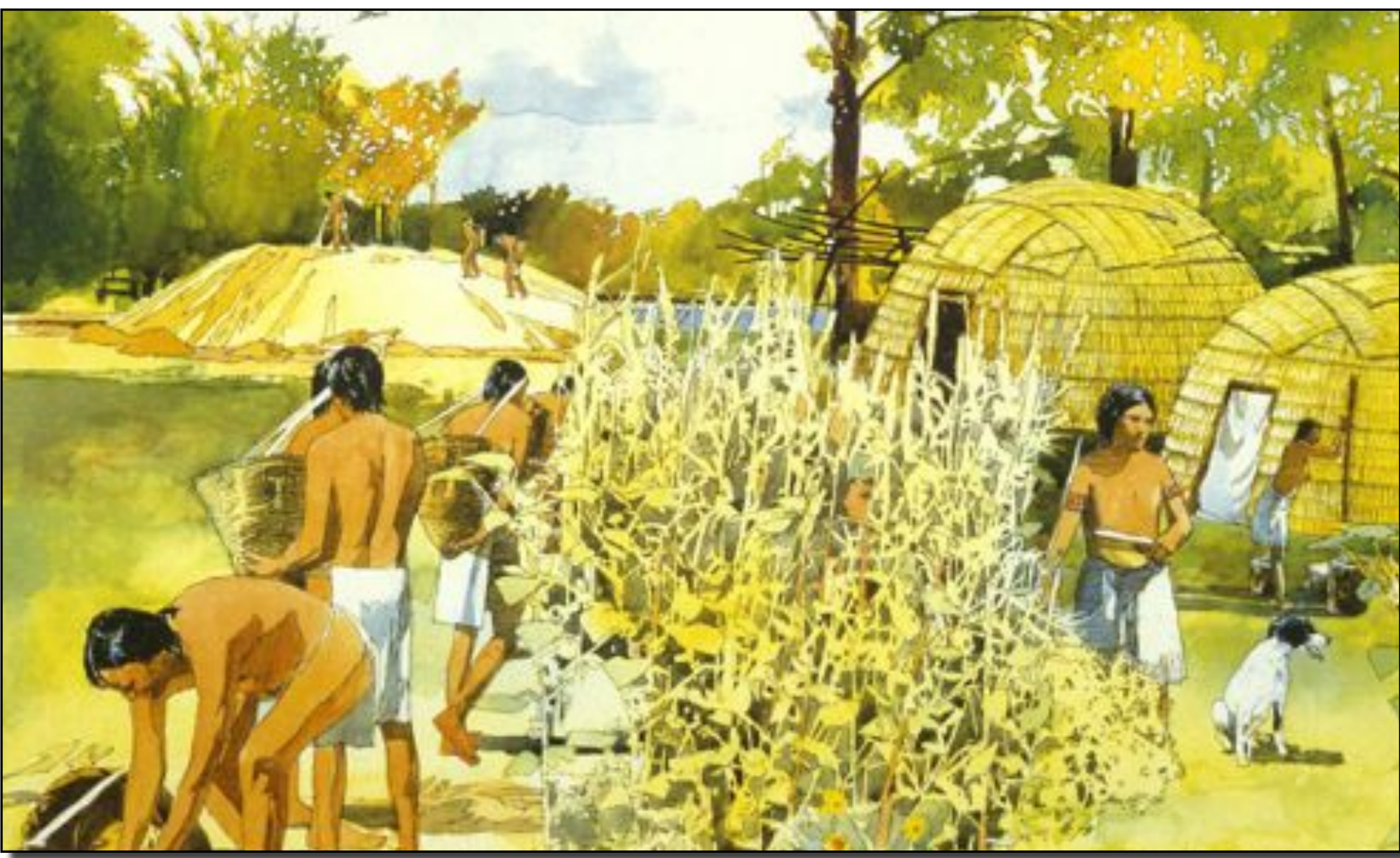
... that **eastern North America** is one of these places?

... and that sites in the **Red River Gorge** were critical to this discovery?



Native Americans domesticated eight species of seed-producing “weedy” plants called the Eastern Agricultural Complex

Native Americans grew weedy crops and squashes in small garden plots using digging sticks and hoes



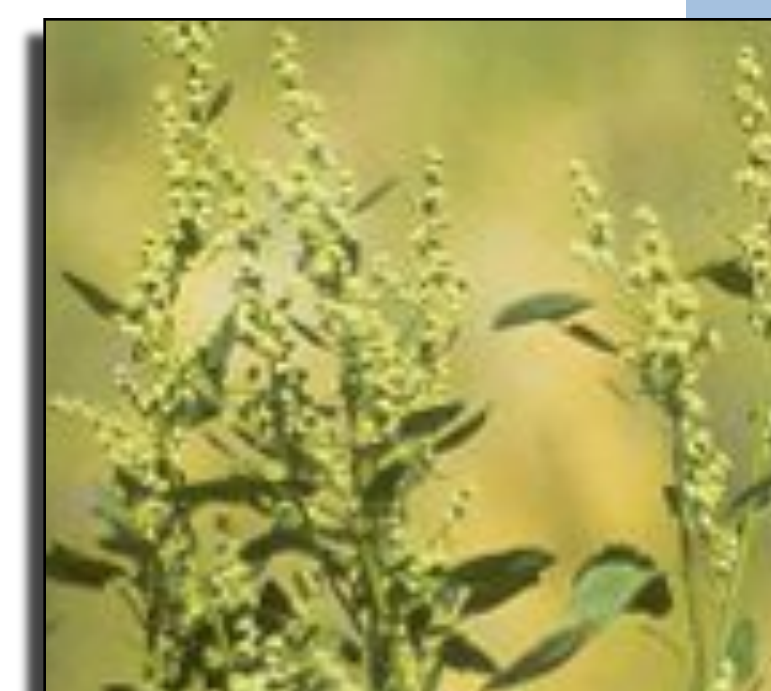
Native Americans grew weedy crops as early as 5,000 years ago, long before they adopted corn and beans from Mexico



sunflower



sumpweed



goosefoot



maygrass



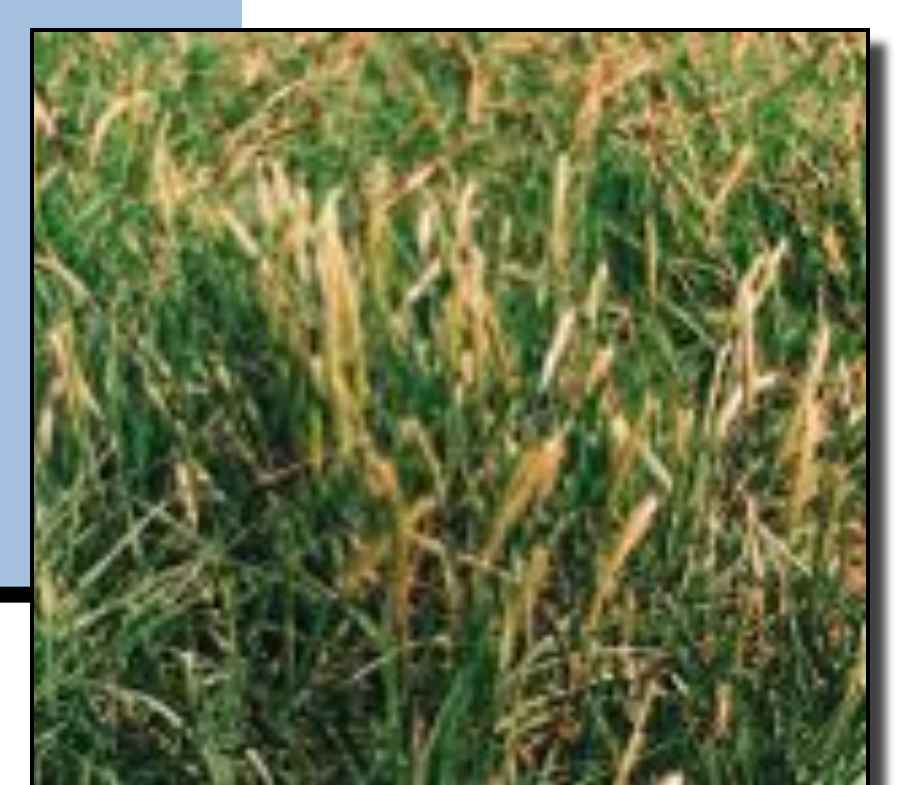
knotweed



amaranth



ragweed



little barley