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Cirsium arvense (L.) Scop, Canada thistle (Kandai/Rassa) is a noxious weed of many continents infesting cropped and non-cropped areas and causing significant losses. Canada thistle is also a major weed of winter season crops viz., wheat, barley and mustard in India along with pastures and non-cropped areas. Not only it competes vigorously with crops reducing their yield, but also hampers agricultural operations. It is a prolific seed producer and the seeds can travel to a long distance infesting more fields. Read article on page 88 for its control under non-cropped situations. Cover photos : Wheat infested with Canada thistle, flowers and mature seedhead with pappus ready for dissemination (inset). All photos courtesy Dr. Samunder Singh, Deptt. of Agronomy, CCS HAU, Hisar-125 004, India